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City worker serving in Iraq sends Christmas greetings

By MARY BROWNFIELD

"THIS IS the first time I will not be with Annette and Keely and Travis for the holidays, and I knew this would be the most difficult time for them," Staff Sgt. John Hanson, a U.S. Army National Guardsman serving in Iraq, wrote in a Dec. 21 e-mail home to friends and family. "But knowing there are so many who are thinking of us brings enormous comfort to them and me. Please think of all the soldiers and sailors away from their families this time of year. Without them, we could not be the great nation we are today."

When he's not serving overseas, Hanson works for the City of Carmel in building maintenance. His wife and teenage children will spend Christmas with family in Fresno, while he remains thousands of miles away, patrolling on night duty in southern Iraq and occasionally embarking on missions he can't tell his family about.

"We sent him a 3-foot-tall Christmas tree that was pre-lit, and the kids and I did picture ornaments for him," Annette Hanson said this week while she worked in her Pacific Grove nail salon. The tree is now bringing some holiday cheer to the barracks.

She also included treats and games for Hanson and his men, and followed it with a New Year's package "that had a little



PHOTO/COURTESY ANNETTE HANSON

'I think they went that way' is how Staff Sgt. John Hanson labeled this photograph when he e-mailed it home to his wife and kids. 'John got the pleasure of trying to ride a camel, which had his men in stitches,' Annette Hanson said of her husband, who works for the City of Carmel when he's not serving in Iraq as a National Guardsman.

contraband in it," — particularly, liqueur-filled chocolates, as Iraq is a dry country.

She's happy he moved the 15 miles to Tallil Air Base from Camp Cedar II, where he had been stationed since arriving in Iraq last spring.

"They're still patrolling the same area, but it's a lot more comfortable for him now. They're in trailers, so they have a solid roof overhead instead of tents, which were leaking

and a muddy mess," she said.

A downside is the soldiers have to wait hours in line for computer access, whereas at Camp Cedar II they could phone or e-mail daily. Their conversations declined from daily to twice during a three-week period, which sent Hanson's wife "into a bit of a funk."

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Sunset rents to jump 500 percent

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WITH THE goal of reducing the city's subsidy of Sunset Center, the board of trustees has approved rent hikes for tenants of more than 500 percent over the next three years from the bargain-basement rates they have enjoyed for decades. Increases in user fees are also coming.

"When the city was operating the theater, they were not cash-flow conscious," Sunset Cultural Center, Inc. board chairman Jim Price said. "They didn't really consider what it cost to open the theater — they just ran it. We are attempting to recover costs."

"We have talked with all the tenants and told them that between now and July, there will be a rent increase for every one of them," said Craig Robertson, Sunset Center's new director of finance.

Unchanged for at least 10 years, Sunset Center rents currently range from 11 cents to 32 cents per square foot per month — and that includes utilities, building insurance, exterior maintenance, landscaping and parking. By 2007, rents for nonprofit tenants will run 70 cents to 95 cents per square foot, bringing gross monthly rental income to

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SPORTS GALLERY ASKS CITY TO BAR COMPETITOR

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE OWNERS of a Dolores Street sports collectibles and memorabilia store have appealed the Carmel Planning Commission's approval of a similar shop around the corner. Representatives of the Sports Gallery on Dolores Street are set to make their case to the city council in January.

"Sports Gallery is in the same highly specialized niche market and is located only a few hundred feet from the applicant's space," principal investor Tom Kelley wrote in his appeal of Dennis Marshall's use permit. "The use is inconsistent with good and reasonable planning guidelines and not in the best long-term interest of Carmel-by-the-Sea."

Marshall asked the planning commission Dec. 8 to approve his Carmel Baseball shop on Sixth Avenue between Lincoln and Dolores. While it will mainly feature collectibles and memorabilia, a quarter of the 1,000-square-foot former art gallery will carry books, magazines and videos. Also, coach Nathan Trosky will use an indoor batting cage to instruct players and coaches a few nights a week. Assistant planner Nathan Schmidt recommended approval of the use permit.

Responding to planning commissioner Alan Hower's question about the training area, Marshall said Trosky would demonstrate footwork and conduct whiffle ball practice for a maximum of four people at a time.

Major training sessions will be held outdoors,

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African bugs sought to kill Public Enemy Number 1

By CHRIS COUNTS

FOR LONGTIME Big Sur resident Hillary Lipman, a plan to eradicate cape ivy with insects imported from South Africa is music to his ears.

"I've seen the devastation," Lipman told the audience at the Dec. 3 Big Sur Multi-Agency Council meeting. "Let's release the bugs."

Lipman's thumbs up was directed at Joe Balciunas, a research entomologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture who suggested two tiny insects — a fly and a moth so obscure they don't even have common names yet — could control cape ivy, arguably Public Enemy Number 1 among local native plant enthusiasts.

To the casual observer, a patch of cape ivy hardly looks like devastation. It's a bright green vine with star-shaped leaves and attractive clusters of yellow flowers. But the introduction of cape ivy into a riparian habitat is the equivalent of a botanical catastrophe for native plants.

"Left unchecked, cape ivy causes the loss of a great deal of biodiversity," said Balciunas. "It chokes out all the vegetation in the understory. When all the vegetation is gone, it crawls up into trees and can kill them. All that's left is a sea of cape ivy."

In its native South Africa, cape ivy is not a common plant, partly because of its two native insect enemies — called here for simplicity the cape ivy gall fly and the cape ivy stem-boring moth. Without those natural predators here, cape ivy is destroying local riparian vegetation at an alarming rate.

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PHOTO/CHRIS COUNTS

Cape ivy, an invasive plant from South Africa that has blanketed abandoned cars and even a cabin in Big Sur, engulfs this Carmel Highlands canyon

Council OKs parking 'bails' — for lack of better word

■ *Asks police to write multiple tickets for parking way too long*

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WHEN CARMEL'S Local Coastal Program took effect in November, it imposed new parking restrictions on Scenic Road, but police couldn't enforce them. Earlier this month, the city council unanimously adopted an ordinance to give teeth to the new resident-only parking along Scenic Road and

in the Del Mar parking between midnight and 5 a.m.

The ordinance will also impose timed parking in the north Sunset Center lot and for tour buses along Junipero Street, for which the city will soon begin charging.

"We had to do this obviously because the LCP, when adopted, issued authoritative types of language, but from the police side, we needed specific language so we could enforce it," police chief George Rawson told the council Dec. 7. "It's a matter of legal logistics."

The council unanimously approved the ordinance at its first reading, and it will take effect after the council adopts the final version, likely in January.

In a separate action, council members considered penalties for the new parking rules and reviewed the city's "parking violations bail schedule."

"Do we have to use the word, 'bail'?" Mayor Sue McCloud asked. "It sounds like we're running a jail." City attorney Don Freeman and Rawson affirmed the city did.

Councilwoman Paula Hazdovac asked if parking officers

could repeatedly cite a parking scofflaw.

"I believe now we give only one ticket per day. Can we give a ticket for each 90-minute interval?" she asked.

Rawson said his officers can issue multiple overtime citations and that he would ask them to do so.

"That is a policy that has been inconsistent, but I will ensure it's more consistent," he said.

Without further discussion, the council adopted the resolution establishing the bail schedule, which reiterates current fines and adds new ones for recently enacted parking restrictions, such as oversize vehicles on Torres Street and after-hours parking in the Vista Lobos parking lot.



Paula Hazdovac

Fines include:

■ \$20 for a faulty parking job or parking in a red zone, a passenger loading zone, a no parking zone, Vista Lobos after hours, staying overtime or parking an oversized vehicle where not permitted;

■ \$25 for parking on Scenic during restricted hours without a permit, overtime in the north Sunset Center lot, overtime tour bus parking on Junipero, on private property, for more than 48 hours, in resident-only zones, within an intersection, on a crosswalk, blocking a driveway, on a sidewalk, in a bus zone, in a fire lane or double parking;

■ \$35 for parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;

■ \$40 for a tour bus off route;

■ \$75 for tampering with a chalk mark;

■ \$76 for lacking the current license plate registration tab; and

■ \$275 for unauthorized parking in a space reserved for the disabled.

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Pine Cone opens production, sales office in Pacific Grove

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A STATELY Victorian built in 1915 — the same year The Pine Cone was founded — will become the newspaper's production, sales and website office, effective with the new year, publishers Paul Miller and Kirstie Wilde announced this week.

On Dec. 16, they bought the historic, 3,600-square-foot building at 734 Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove for \$1.2 million from computer consultants Jeffrey Newman and Frances Borda.

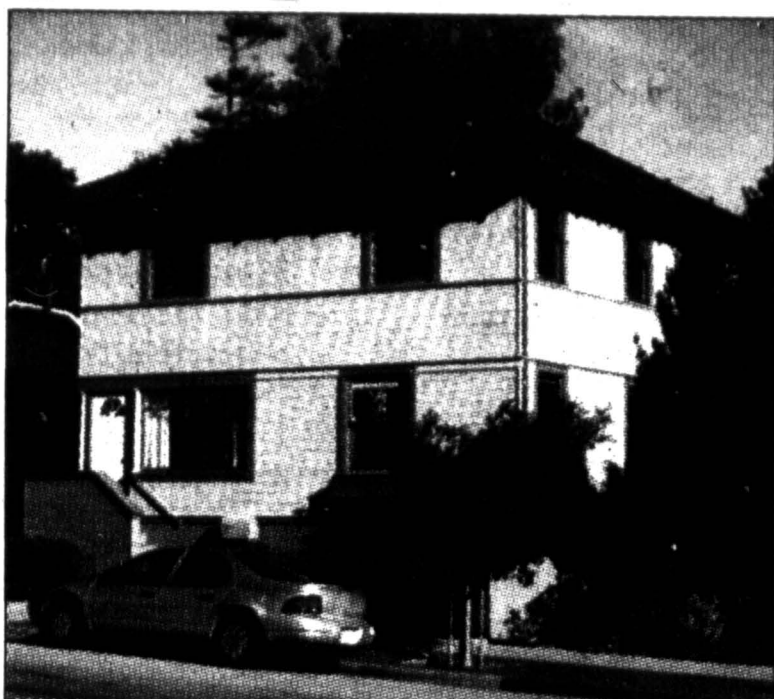
In the 1980s, it was extensively renovated by computer pioneer Gary Kildall, whose company, Digital Research Corporation, was at the forefront of the personal computer revolution in the United States.

"We are very excited about expanding into Pacific Grove, and about the room for growth our new building gives us, especially on the Internet," said Miller. (The Pine Cone is one of only a handful of papers in the United States that offers its complete edition for downloading from its website.) "But I want to emphasize there will be no change in the paper's *raison d'être* — covering the news in Carmel and the communities around it in a way that only people who live here can appreciate."

Most of the newspaper's writing staff, and a receptionist to handle phone calls, walk-ins, classified advertising and the like, will remain in downtown Carmel-by-the-Sea, according to Miller, and "only personnel whose jobs don't require them to be in Carmel will be moving to the new building."

Search for a permanent home

The move caps a two-year search for a new home for The Pine Cone, which hasn't



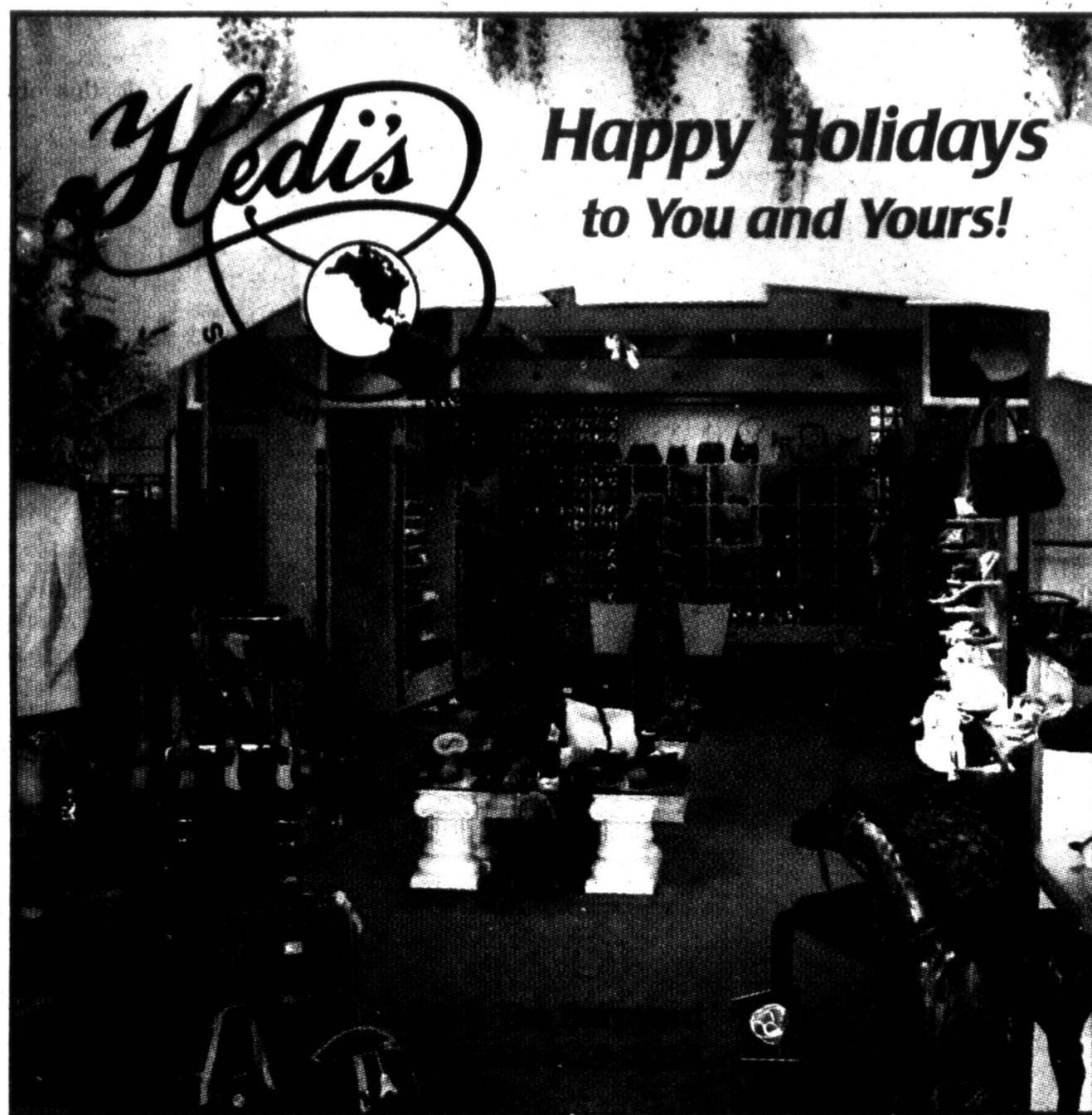
PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

The Victorian at 734 Lighthouse in Pacific Grove — built in 1915, the same year the Carmel Pine Cone was founded — will house the newspaper's sales and production employees, beginning in 2005.

had its own building for more than six decades. In the 1940s, the newspaper was located on Dolores, south of Ocean. Later, its offices were above Coach leather goods at the corner of San Carlos and Ocean. Since 1993, it has been on Fourth between Mission and San Carlos. All those offices were rentals — the most recent costing \$5,000 per month.

"I am planning to keep running the paper myself for at least 10 more years," Miller

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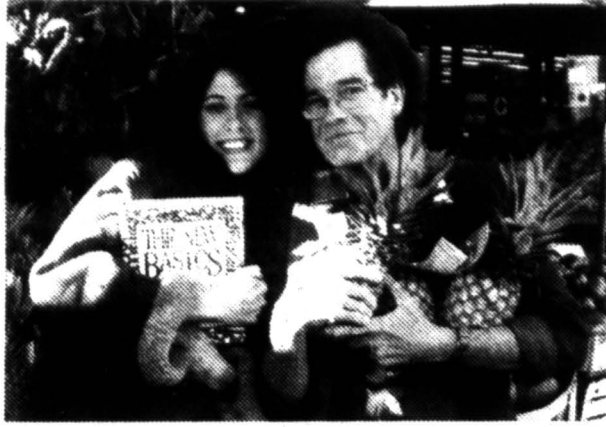
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Ambulance crew provides Band-Aid

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department, the Carmel Fire Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week. This week's log was compiled by Mary Brownfield.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported he sent a check for \$110.60 to Verizon Wireless to pay his bill. He said someone cashed the check, but the bank could not say who it was. Verizon said they did not receive the payment and did not cash the check. The bank could not trace who cashed the check. They said they were going to return the check and credit the subject's account for the amount. He was satisfied with that and said if he found out any additional information, he would call and report it.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Anonymous female reported two of her

neighbors on Camino del Monte were fighting in the middle of the street. Upon arrival, contacted two males who were roommates. One roommate said he and his roommate were having a verbal argument over money and also over the fact that the other roommate drinks all the time. The other subject agreed they were arguing over money that was owed. He was extremely intoxicated. The subjects paid each other the money that was owed and settled their disagreement. The intoxicated subject agreed to stop drinking for the night. They both agreed they would not argue anymore for the rest of the night.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units responded to the area of Santa Rita and Second on report of a loud party at 2149 hours. Upon arrival, units found a large party with numerous guests. The person in charge stated he would turn down the music and try to keep it quiet. At 2245 hours units were dispatched to the same location for a noise complaint. Again the person in charge was told to keep the noise level down. He stated the party was almost over. No more complaints were called in about the noise.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 1059 hours, Engine 7111 and Battalion Chief 7103 were dispatched to a report of smoke seen around a house at Torres and First, and a strong odor of electrical burning. Upon arrival, found a 1985 VW Rabbit with a burned clutch. Owner stated she was driving and the manual transmission became stuck in third gear. No fire. Owner stated she would have the vehicle towed to a repair facility.

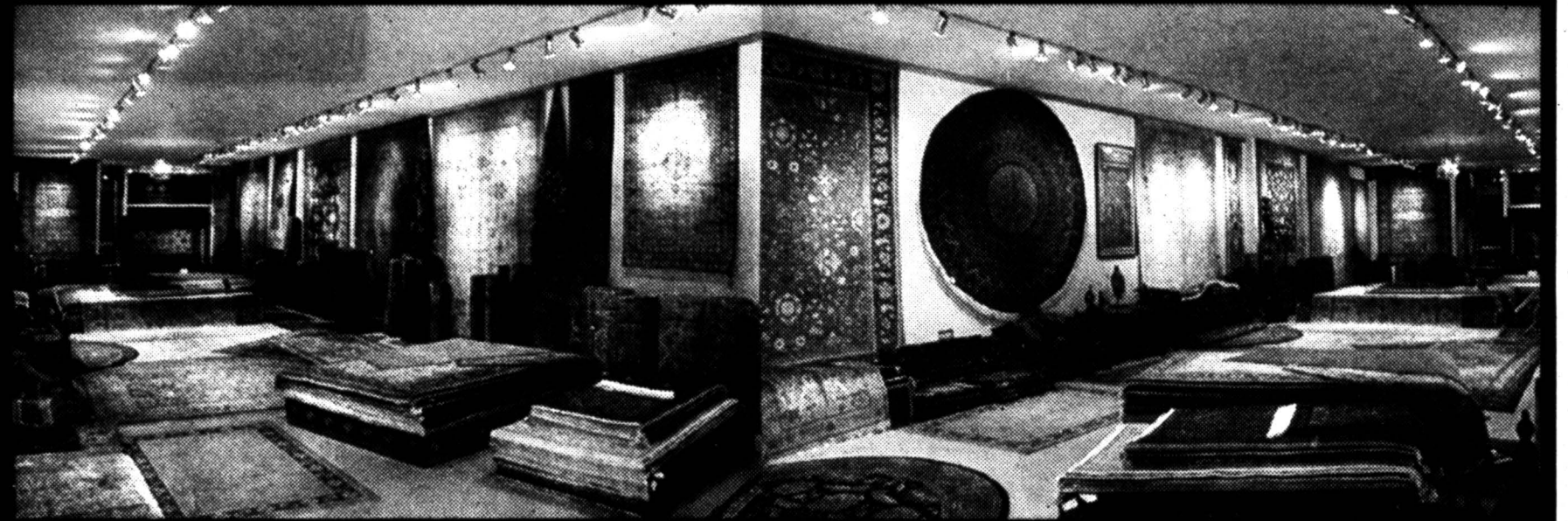
Pebble Beach: Female Silver Court resident, age 64, found her mailbox door open and suspected her mail was stolen.

Pebble Beach: Female Wildcat Canyon resident, age 18, reported the possibility of her Social Security number being used by another person.

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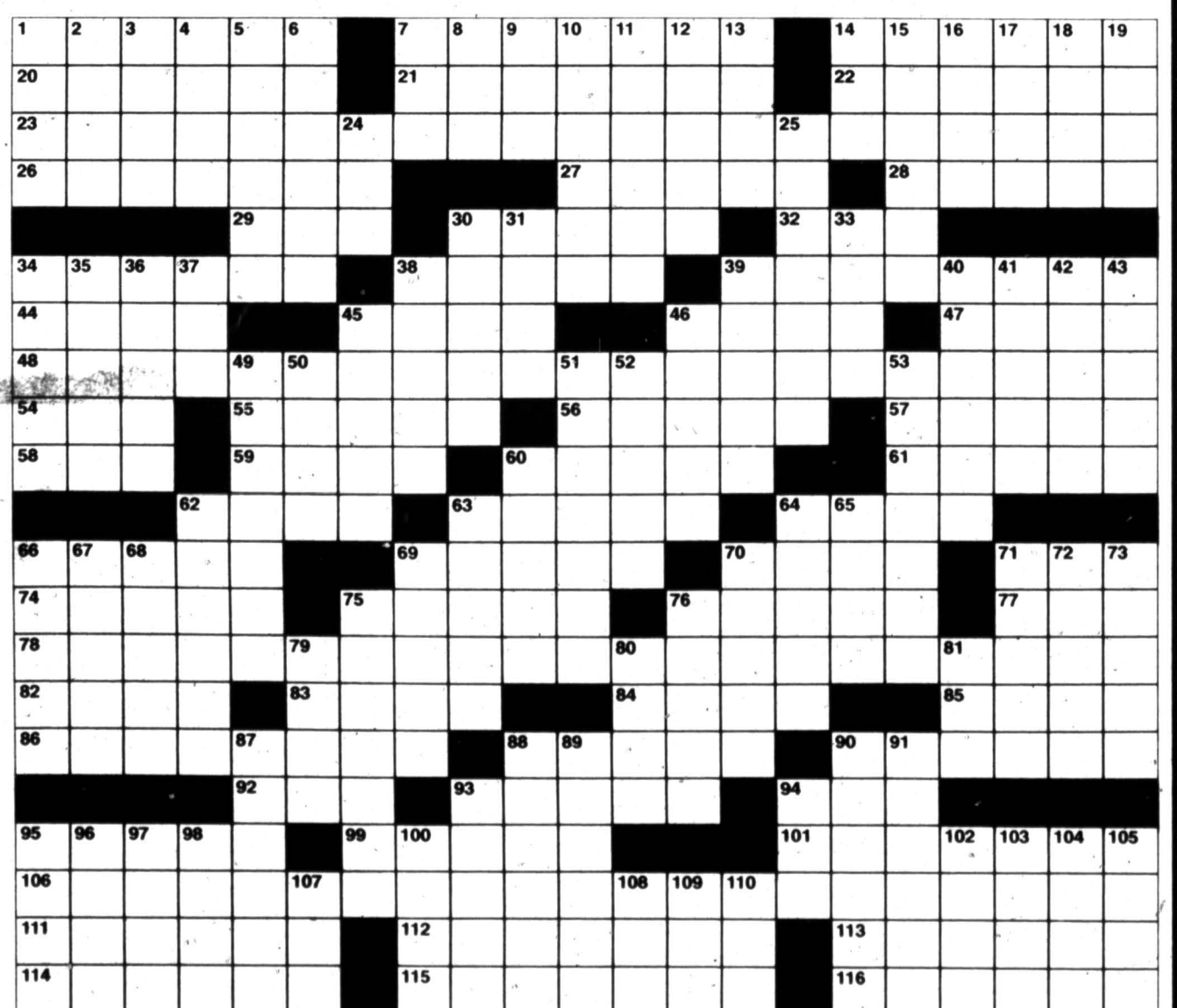
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- 17 The Green Hornet's valet
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- 25 Sweetie pie
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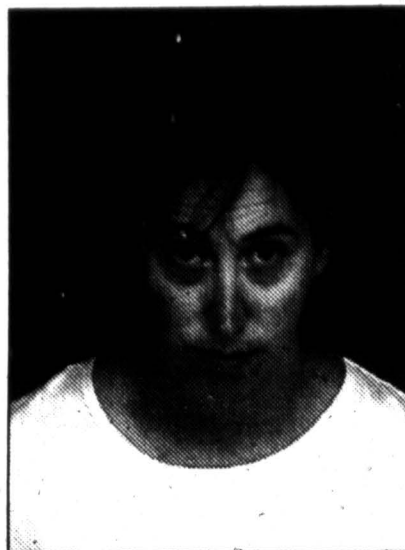
Suspect allegedly kicks, spits at and threatens arresting officer

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A 35-YEAR-OLD woman arrested for shoplifting allegedly kicked a police officer, spat on her and threatened to kill her while being taken into custody outside Carmel Drug Store last Thursday, according to Carmel Police Detective Buck Melton. Catherine Naberhuis had to be phys-

ically restrained and also reportedly pulled away from officer Nancy Titus as she was put into the squad car following the scuffle.

Naberhuis, who has been living in her father's vacation home just outside Carmel city limits, started fighting with Titus after allegedly grabbing some purses out of the Ocean Avenue drug store and attempting to run away with them, according to Melton.



Catherine Naberhuis

He said it's not the first time the woman, who suffers from an unspecified psychological disorder, has been contacted by police.

"She's not currently taking her medication, which causes her to do things like this," Melton said.

Following a similar shoplifting incident at the Silver Feather on Dolores Street in September, Melton said police tried to work with Naberhuis' family members and discussed developing a conservatorship that could ensure she continued taking her medication.

"Everyone at the time agreed that because she was off her medication, which was causing her to do this, they wouldn't

press charges," Melton said.

Naberhuis reportedly took her prescription drugs for a short period but then lapsed again.

"It started all over," Melton said. "This time, we are forced to get the courts involved, especially since she got violent with Officer Titus."

Titus was not injured in the scuffle, according to Melton. Naberhuis left Monterey County Jail on Dec. 21 after the district attorney's office did not file the anticipated charges of shoplifting, resisting arrest, assaulting and officer and making death threats against an officer. If the D.A.'s office opts to pursue the case, a new warrant would be issued.

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Salinas library closures the exception, not the rule

By CHRIS COUNTS

WHEN THE Salinas City Council, facing a severe budget crisis, voted Dec. 14 to shut the city's libraries, the decision promised to turn Salinas into the largest metropolis in the United States without a public library.

Last summer there were also substantial cuts in the budget for Carmel's library, which required closing the main branch on Sundays.

But the surprising decisions are not part of a national trend, or even a local one. Carmel Valley Library, for example, located just 17 miles from Salinas, is expanding its services and preparing to offer free wireless access to the Internet.

"Libraries have a solid future," said Carol Brey-Casiano, president of the American Library Association. "We have seen a lot of budget cuts, but there is still a great need for libraries."

Brey-Casiano said challenging economic times are no excuse for closing libraries. Last year, there were 1.2 billion visits to libraries in the U.S., she said.

"In tough times, library usage actually goes way up," Brey-Casiano said. "In fact, over the past 10 years, library usage in this country has doubled."

In Monterey County, librarians expressed sympathy for the plight of the three Salinas libraries, which will all be closed by next summer.

"I don't know how it came to this, and I'm sure it was not an easy decision to close the libraries," said Bobbie Morrison, director of the Pacific Grove Library. "I'm concerned about what will happen to the materials, and I'm very sorry about what's happening to staff. They've always done such a great job, and they've been a great asset to the com-

munity."

Chris Ricker, managing librarian for Monterey County Free Libraries, which manages libraries in several small cities as well as unincorporated parts of the county, wishes her agency could do more to help.

"It's very sad what's happened in Salinas," Ricker said. "We've been in discussions to see how we can assist them or find a less expensive way for them to provide library services, but our budget is limited."

Two of Monterey County Free Libraries' successful operations are in Big Sur and Carmel Valley. "We do everything we can to keep libraries open," said Ricker. "We've been doing it since 1912, so we have a great track record."

The agency has gone to extraordinary lengths in the past to assure residents have access to books. In the early days, they were packed by mule to Big Sur along an old coastal trail that predated Highway 1.

Despite the hurdles Salinas is facing, Ricker is not worried about the possible closure of her agency's libraries.


"Our system has never been very wealthy," she said. "But our funding [from property taxes] has remained very stable. We also anticipated economic challenges and made some sacrifices. Our staff took some unpaid leave, which was basically a pay cut. Also, there are a few permanent positions we haven't filled."

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POLICE LOG

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Carmel area: Crossroads restaurant general manager reported the theft of \$655 from a cash drawer in the manager's office. Upon arrival, a bartender stated that a man in the bar refused to leave after being asked and was intoxicated. She related that he started yelling at women in the bar and then yelled at her when she asked him to leave. The man was escorted out of the bar and chose to walk home.

Carmel Valley: Male suspect, age 25, was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and 3.3 grams of marijuana at a Ford Road residence. Suspect is currently on probation. He was charged and booked into Monterey County Jail.

Carmel Valley: Male, age 54, reported finding a brown leather wallet at Tierra Grande and Via Cratolo.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units responded to a San Carlos Street pub after a 911 call reporting a male subject refusing to leave. Upon arrival, a bartender stated that a man in the bar refused to leave after being asked and was intoxicated. She related that he started yelling at women in the bar and then yelled at her when she asked him to leave. The man was escorted out of the bar and chose to walk home.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female suspect, age 46, was observed staggering and unsteady on her feet on San Carlos. She was contacted and a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage was noted emanating from her breath and body. She rocked and swayed back and forth and side to side while standing. Her speech was extremely slurred to a point that she was incoherent. She was arrested for public intoxication and lodged at Monterey P.D. until sober, when she'll be released on citation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a suspect annoying a child under the age of 18.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female suspect, age 23, was contacted at Carmel Plaza on an unrelated matter and was found to have three outstanding warrants issued for her arrest with a total bail set at \$20,000. She believed the warrants were DMV holds only and that she would be released. Upon being advised that she would be transferred to the jail, she claimed to have suicidal thoughts. She was arrested and transported to Monterey County Jail for lodging pursuant to the warrants.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Junipero Street business owner turned over a possible fictitious \$100 bill that was received during normal working hours on or about 11-22. The bill was found to be a 1950 series bill. Contact will be made with the Secret Service on 12-13 to determine the authenticity of the bill.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Found black wallet containing miscellaneous cards and no cash.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a male subject staring through the window on Junipero Street at a table of underage females who were eating dinner. The caller went outside to ask the male subject what he was doing, and the subject fled the area. The description matched the same as a male suspect in a similar incident at another restaurant. The subject fled the area prior to officers' arrival.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 0220 hours, Engine 7111 and Battalion Chief 7103 were dispatched to a fire alarm activation at Junipero and Fifth. Upon arrival, found nothing showing at

the building and an alarm panel in trouble. Unsuccessful on reset. Sentry notified by FireComm and all units clear and returning at 0229 hours.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to a medical emergency on Monte Verde. On scene, firefighters assisted ambulance crew with vitals, EKG, patient report information and loading for an elderly female suffering from jaw pain. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to a medical emergency on San Carlos Street near the business district. Crew assisted ambulance with vitals, bandaging, patient report information and loading for an elderly female who had suffered a fall on the sidewalk, sustaining a laceration and contusion above the left eye. Patient transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Carmel area: Female subject, age 53, was contacted at Carmel Rancho Boulevard and Carmel Valley Road after being identified as a missing person, possibly a suicidal subject. She showed no evidence of this and was allowed to continue on her way.

Carmel Valley: Lifeline requested a welfare check up on a 94-year-old female Del Mesa Carmel resident after her inactivity alarm was not responded to. After entry was made to the residence, no one was found to be home. Case closed.

Big Sur: Female, age 25, reported a male was in her Post Ranch Inn apartment without her permission.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Male subject, age 61, arrested on Junipero Street for driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle stopped on Ocean Avenue for having tinted side windows and the driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol. The 21-year-old suspect chose a breath test with a result of .10 percent. He was booked and released on citation. His vehicle was left parked at the scene of the stop.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle parked on Junipero displaying expired New Mexico plates. Through an investigation, the New Mexico plate should have been on a pickup truck. The registered owner was contacted and cited for false registration, and the vehicle was towed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 1302 hours, a citizen reported a found dog running loose in the area of Monte Verde and Ocean. Owner information obtained from the dog's collar. The dog was transported two blocks to the owner's residence. Owner admonished; second warning given.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle was parked on Dolores Street displaying expired registration. Vehicle was towed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle found on Mission Street displaying registration expired more than six months. Vehicle was towed per the California Vehicle Code.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 1517, a citizen reported a dog vs. raccoon attack which occurred on 12-03 at approximately 0600 hours. The dog escaped into the neighbor's yard, where the incident occurred. The neighbor separated the dog and raccoon and then returned the dog to the owner. Medical care given from vet for a puncture wound.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Battalion Chief 7105 responded to a reported fire alarm activation at the Pan-Am building at Junipero and Fifth. Engine 7111 on scene. The alarm had activated in zone one, heat detectors in a shop. Inspection of the shop from the exterior indicated the building was clear, and the alarm was silenced. The alarm had reset itself prior to departure from the scene and FireComm was requested to notify Sentry Alarm of the need to have the system serviced.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 1405 hours, Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 were dispatched to a medical emergency on Dolores near the business district. Upon arrival, found an elderly female complaining of weakness and a fall. Patient evaluated, loaded and transported to CHOMP via ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 1536 hours, Engine 7111 and Battalion Chief 7105 were dispatched to a fire alarm activation at Mission and Fourth. Upon arrival, found an audible alarm sounding. Panel showed heat activation on elevator control room. Building checked and nothing found. Alarm reset.

Carmel Valley: Female victim, age 35, reported a male suspect, age 46, calls her up to 30 times a day at a Pilot Road location and refuses to stop when asked. Victim requested he only be contacted and asked to stop. Nothing further.

Pebble Beach: Female, age 34, called to report a problem with her landlord as she stated she is no longer comfortable living at her Congress Road residence. Requested a civil standby so that she could obtain some items from the residence.

Pebble Beach: Pebble Beach Security reported two intoxicated juveniles trespassing upon Pebble Beach property. Both juveniles were contacted, cited for public intoxication, open container in a vehicle and other violations, and released to their parents or guardians. Case continues.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Units responded to Monte Verde and Third on report of a broken water pipe. Upon arrival, Waste Management workers stated when pulling a garbage box off the street, they somehow broke a pipe. Approximately 50-100 gallons per minute were flowing onto the street. Fire and Cal-Am were dispatched. Fire determined the leak was not a hazard. Upon further inspection it was determined the house was under construction and the area the garbage box was sitting in had dirt removed from the area to accommodate the box.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female subject contacted CPD by telephone to inquire about a financial transaction between herself and a male subject. The caller wished to know if the matter would be considered civil in nature or if there was a possibility of criminal intent in regard to the financial transaction. The female subject was advised to forward any documentation she had for review by CPD. Investigation pending receipt of documents from the caller.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Unknown person reported finding a silver watch on a black band on Junipero Street.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a 911 hang-up at one of the Carmel Plaza pay phones. Spanish speaking was momentarily heard. Upon arrival no one was in the immediate area. A search of the open corridors found the rear business door open to a lower

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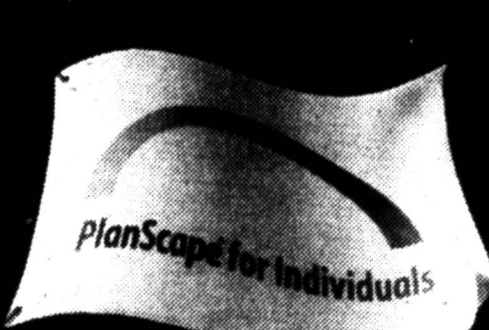
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GIVING CREDIT, AND PRAISE, WHERE IT'S DUE

By KIRSTIE WILDE

LINDA SCHOLINK, and the scores of friends, relatives and total strangers who have been praying for her 18-year-old son, Matt, to overcome life-threatening injuries from a horrendous traffic accident Nov. 19, received the best Christmas present a mother could hope for this week. Doctors say his life is no longer in danger and, so rapid has been his progress, he is beginning rehabilitation at the brain trauma center at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center.

"We witnessed a miracle, and the only thing we can credit for it is the prayers from so many people and the intervention of God," said Larry Scholink, Matt's uncle.

The young man suffered severe head injuries in a car accident near Del Monte Center five weeks ago. He was in a coma for 14 days, during which a small army of supporters held nearly nonstop prayer vigils at Community Hospital. As the days turned into weeks, the doctors and nurses became more pessimistic that Matt would ever emerge from the coma. His family was told that 90 percent of brain injuries as serious as

his are either fatal, or the patient remains trapped in a vegetative state.

But on Dec. 3, Matt responded to commands to squeeze the doctor's hand and wiggle his toes, and signaled to his family with a thumbs-up sign that he could hear and understand. Believing he was out of danger, doctors transferred Matt to the brain trauma center to begin rehabilitation Dec. 13. But the family was sent into another emotional tailspin the next day, when the rehab team discovered blood clots in both arms that, if they broke loose and traveled to the brain, heart or lungs, could cause a heart attack, stroke or lung failure.

Last weekend, the Scholink family was faced with a terrible decision — two choices that could kill Matt. If they authorized blood thinners — the preferred treatment to dissolve the — the medicine could cause his newly healed brain injuries to bleed again, an irreversible and probably fatal consequence, according to doctors. But if the family decided to withhold the blood thinners, rehabilitation could not continue because it might release a fatal blood clot.

They prayed for days about making the right choice.

But then, "on Tuesday [Dec. 22] the doctors did an MRI to remeasure the size of the blood clots," Scholink said. The family was prepared to authorize the blood thinners. "But the scan showed the largest clot in his arm had simply disappeared. There is no medical explanation. We believe it was the hand of God."

Not only was the worst clot gone, but all of the others, which had been of medium size, had shrunk to what doctors called "less than significant" on Tuesday, Scholink said.

"Matt now has no life-or-death issues remaining," his uncle said. He has also made significant cognitive and physical progress in the past week. He can track moving objects with his eyes, move his legs, and was able to chew a piece of ice — an important step toward eating again. After five weeks of

being fed with a tube and breathing through a tracheotomy, it will take time to relearn to speak and eat.

"He thumb wrestled with me!" Scholink joyfully announced. "We showed him The Pine Cone and said, 'Look, Matt, you're on the front page of the newspaper,' and he focused intently on the photo and story for a good 10 minutes. We are so grateful for everyone's prayers and support and humbly thank the Lord for giving Matt back to us for Christmas."

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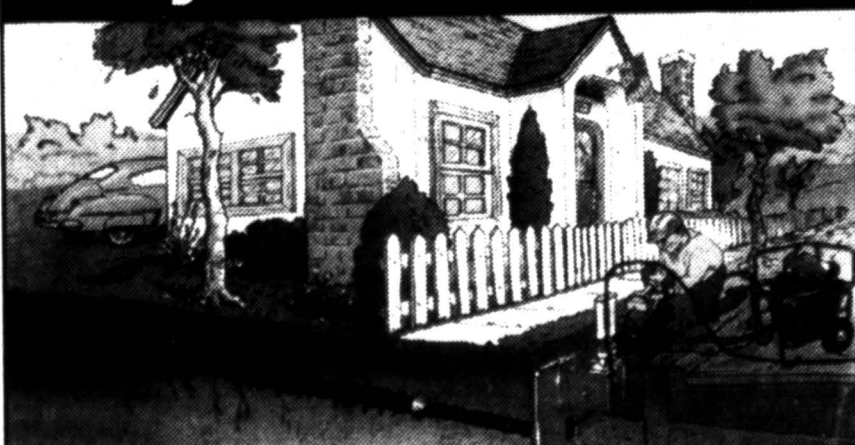
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SWEAT IN THE NEW YEAR

By MARY BROWNFIELD

FOR ALMOST 15 years, athletes have risen early on New Year's Day to burn some calories — and perhaps work off a hangover — for a good cause. The Rio Resolution Run, with its fantastic scenery and collegial pancake breakfast, is perhaps the best way to kick off the new year.

Conceived by restaurateur Tony Tollner, the Resolution Run raises funds for the Suicide Prevention Service of the Central Coast and, over the years, has developed a loyal following, including an octogenarian who usually wins his division because he's the only one entered in it, and many kids, some in strollers.

Participants can choose the 6.8-mile route, which takes runners from the Crossroads Shopping Village through Mission Trail park, downtown Carmel, Scenic Road and Carmel Point. If the tide is out, the route includes a run across the beach.

The shorter 3-mile walk/run follows a similar route but cuts through town and avoids the beach. Both end at Larson Field.

The physical exertion is followed with a pancake breakfast prepared by Kiwanis Club of Monterey Peninsula at the Crossroads. The feast is free to registered runners and \$5 for friends and family who wish to forego the exercise and head straight for the carbs.

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LIBRARIES

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Morrison said her library has been forced to tighten its budget, but closure isn't something she considers.

"We've had some budget cuts, but mostly in personnel," she said. "We had to eliminate two evenings and Sunday afternoons. We've never contemplated closing, but it's difficult to lose staff."

With budget cuts perpetually looming, libraries are becoming more dependent on the ballot box for funding. Around the state, some libraries have fared well in local elections, while others, like Salinas, haven't.

In Sacramento, 72 percent of voters said Yes last month to Measure X, a 10-year extension of a parcel tax funding the city's 10 public libraries. Also on the November ballot, San Jose voters approved Measure S, a 10-year parcel tax to replace the city's annual library assessment, which has been cut by \$6.2 million.

But in Eureka, voters turned down a 1 percent sales-tax increase that would have prevented some branch closings, and in San Luis Obispo County, voters rejected a .25 percent sales-tax increase for local libraries.

Brey-Casiano said fiscally imperiled libraries have been rallying points for bringing out the best in com-

munities. She pointed to the example of Faben, Texas, where 500 residents in a town of 5,000 showed up at a rally to save their library. Local officials responded to the big turnout by reversing an earlier decision to pull the plug.

"There is a tremendous amount of support out there for libraries," said Brey-Casiano. "Library supporters are the silent majority. Sometimes it takes something very drastic to get people to show their support."

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EDOUARD MORGENEGG, chef and restaurateur who operated the Spinning Wheel Steakhouse and the Clam Box in Carmel, died Oct. 13.

Mr. Morgenegg was born in 1913 in Payerne, Switzerland, into a merchant family. He became an apprentice cook in Thun,

Switzerland, where he met Odette Canel, to whom he became engaged. In 1939 he traveled to Long Island, N.Y., to work at the Chalet Suisse at the World's Fair.

With the outbreak of World War II, Mr. Morgenegg was unable to return to Switzerland. He remained in New York until

1945 and then returned to his native land, where he and Odette were married. In 1947 they returned to the United States and traveled to Washington State where he became a chef at the Olympic Hotel near Seattle. The couple moved to Portland and then to Spokane, where he was chef at the Chinook Hotel.

The Morgeneggs moved to Carmel in 1958, where they were joined by Odette's brother, Roger Canel, and his wife, Jeanne. Morgenegg and Canel, as partners, purchased the Spinning Wheel Steakhouse, which they operated for a number of years. They opened the Clam Box and in partnership ran that restaurant until 1975.

Mr. Morgenegg was noted for his interest in good food and good wine, and his continuing appreciation for fine chocolate.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years; his brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Jeanne Canel; his cousin, Claude of Geneva, Switzerland; and other cousins in Switzerland.

The family suggests memorial contributions be sent to the Carmel Foundation, P.O. Box 1050, Carmel, CA 93921.

JAMES MICHAEL SUMMERS died Dec. 7 at his Carmel home. He was 51.

A native of Lawton, Okla., Mr. Summers had made his home on the Monterey Peninsula since 1970. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne; a daughter, Jennifer Marie,

and son, Scott Michael.

Mr. Summers was a member of Shoreline Community Church in Monterey, where a memorial service took place.

MAXINE NATALIE EDMONDS, who with her husband owned and managed The Village Hardware in Carmel for several years, died Dec. 8. She was 93.

Born in Valparaiso, Ind., she was married for 57 years to Nelson O. Edmonds, who preceded her in death.

The Edmonds operated several hardware stores. They owned the local Village Hardware from 1955 to 1964 and Saratoga Hardware in Saratoga from 1964 to 1974. Mrs. Edmonds continued to live in Saratoga until 1998, when she moved to San Rafael to be closer to her family.

She was a member of the Saratoga Historical Society and the Republican Women's Club. She traveled extensively with her husband and family and was thrilled to achieve a hole-in-one while playing golf.

Mrs. Edmonds is survived by her children, John N. of Kentucky, Patricia Rand of Modesto and Liz Larsen of Tiburon; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

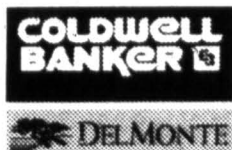
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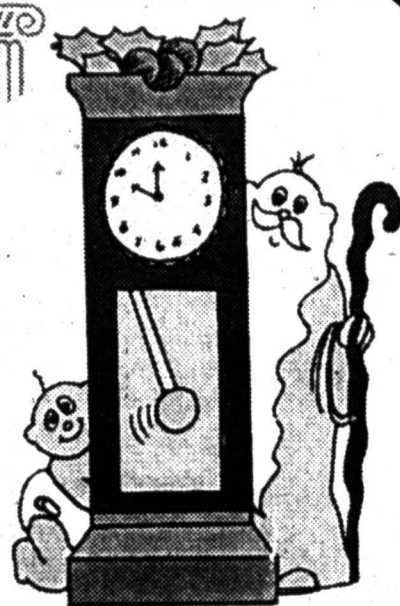
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HANSON

From page 1A

In his Dec. 21 dispatch, Hanson wrote, "It's 4 a.m. and I am off tonight, sitting here thinking of all of you and what a very lucky and thankful man I am. If I listed you all by name, it would take hours to read this e-mail. You all know who you are, and I will thank you personally when I can. I have experienced the most difficult and at the same moment some of the most rewarding times of my life . . .

"The memories and lessons I have gathered here will be with me forever. I am very proud that I am an American soldier and that I could be a part of the work to bring freedom and democracy to Iraq. For those who think this is all in vain and Iraq will never be a safe country, I say you must be here and see the difference."

Home by May?

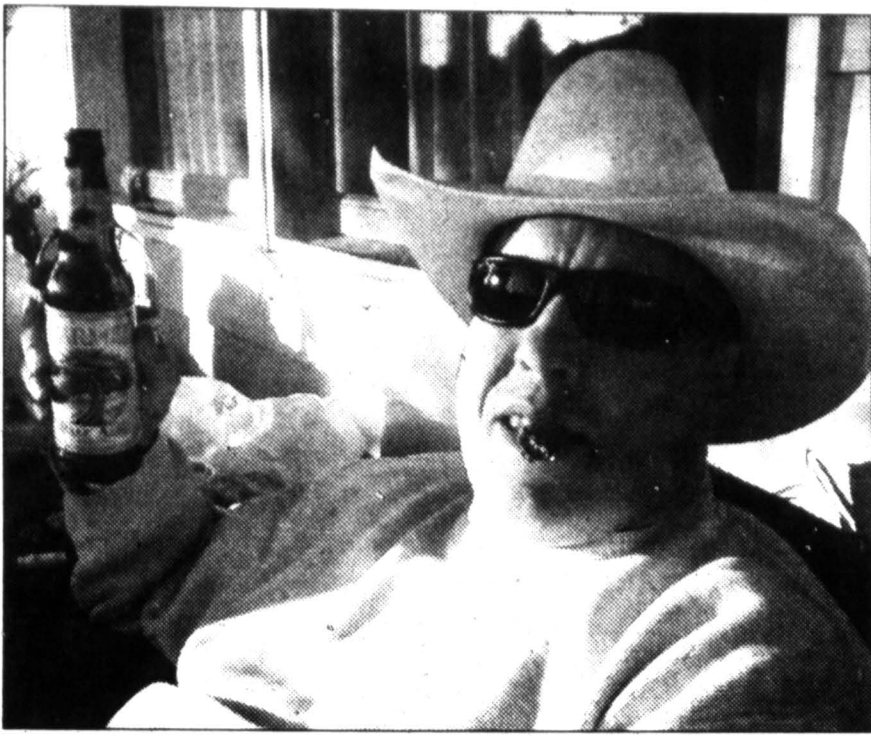
A former Army man who has worked in building maintenance for the City of Carmel for 16 years, Hanson enlisted with the National Guard in 1998 at the age of 38. Less than two weeks after the terrorist attacks of 9/11, his unit was called up and sent to Camp Roberts. He then spent six months on patrol at Monterey Airport before returning to work for the city in May 2002. In November 2003, he was activated again and underwent several months' training before being sent to the Middle East in March. All along, the city administration has supplemented his Army pay.

If his stay is not extended, Hanson will remain in Iraq until March 16, 2005, when he should be sent to Kuwait and then brought stateside to Fort Lewis, Wash., for debriefing, according to Annette. She hopes to see him home by May.

"His 'honey-do list' has become quite long," she said. "If you ever need appreciation of your husband, have him go away for a year and half."

Their separation has illuminated how much he contributes to the family — and not only with hard work.

"Having him home has been a good lesson in appreciating every day with the ones we love as a gift," she said. "We all need to look at what is right in our lives and how much we have, instead of what we do not have."



PHOTOS/COURTESY ANNETTE HANSON

When he was home on leave in October, John Hanson enjoyed a brew and a cigar — "something he has not had the pleasure of in a long time," his wife says.

The family had a brief reunion in October, when Hanson returned home for a 15-day leave, but his departure renewed some of the pain.

"The transition back to his not being here has been harder than we had imagined," she said. "It was so wonderful having him home with us that letting him go back was heart-wrenching."

But Hanson's friends have stepped in to help in his absence: City workers fixed her crumbling heating ducts after Annette received a \$350 bill from PG&E.

"We were heating Monterey County," she said.

And to celebrate Travis' 14th birthday in December, streets supervisor Stu Ross took him to a South County ranch for some off-roading and roughing it.

"Believe me when I tell you that I am thankful I am an American, and that I have many wonderful and loving friends," Hanson continued in his e-mail. "You have all given me so much, from supplies and gifts, to words of encouragement and help with my family, and seeing that their lives are as trouble free as possible."

In his absence, Hanson has missed some major milestones, including his daughter acquiring her driver license and his 20th wedding anniversary.

"He owes me a big trip," Annette said, adding that Costa Rica or some other tropical place might be a nice destination. "Actually, we've been through this together, so we owe it to each other."

'For those who think this is all in vain and Iraq will never be a safe country, I say you must be here and see the difference.'

— John Hanson



Since arriving in Iraq, Hanson has distributed donated school supplies, clothing and gifts to poor children. He says that's "the reason for being here."



Hanson and Mike Bachelor, who works in the Violent Crimes Unit at Salinas P.D., have been serving together in the Middle East. This photo was taken at sunrise.

Today's Real Estate

by MAUREEN MASON
Certified Residential Specialist

Partial Taxable Gains Exclusion

As most readers are aware, current tax law allows us in certain circumstances to take a part of our taxable gains exclusion, even if we haven't lived in the home in question for a full two years. If, for example, we've lived in it a cumulative 12 months, then we may be able to take half of the full exclusion. Thus, married couples filing jointly can exclude up to \$250,000 in gain from taxation (half of what they could exclude had they lived in the home the full cumulative two years) and a single head of household can exclude up to \$125,000.

Fine and good—but what are the "certain circumstances" that allow us to take a partial exclusion? They are "unforeseen circumstances," as CPA Diane Kennedy explains, "and they are defined liberally. They include, for example, natural disasters, a change in employment or becoming self-employed, divorce or legal separation, and multiple births from the same pregnancy."

Note, for example, "a change in employment." This literally can include a promotion, a demotion, a change of your role in your current job, or the creation of a home business. The IRS has made it difficult not to enjoy this exclusion from gains taxation. Don't give up! Be sure to consult your tax advisor. For assistance with real estate transactions call Maureen at 622-2565 and visit her website at www.maureenmason.com.

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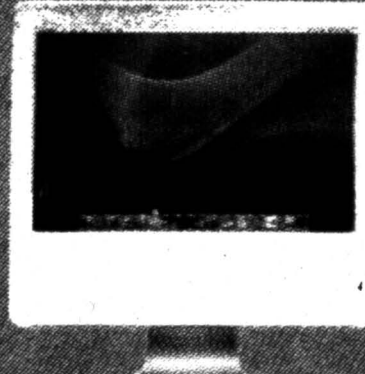
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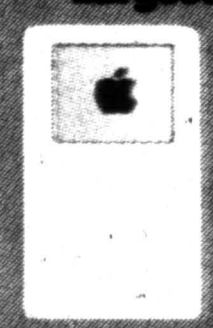
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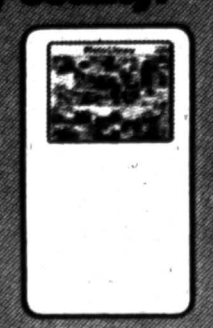
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Local jazz kids bop 'til they drop

By CHRIS COUNTS

A BUNCH of kids stayed up all night Monday playing music — within 100 feet of the Carmel police station, no less — and nobody complained about the noise.

Led by Carmel Valley jazz guitarist Bruce Forman, the youngsters jammed for 25 straight hours Dec. 21-22 as part of a pledge drive to raise money for JazzMasters, a non-profit organization offering weekly hands-on music workshops. Nearly 50 musicians — ranging from seasoned pros to local students — performed at the jam-a-thon.

Forman, a professional recording artist and touring musician, founded JazzMasters in 2000.

"Kids need music," he said. "I decided somebody needed to do something about it."

JazzMasters succeeded beyond Forman's expectations.

"We've done over 1,000 workshops for kids, free of charge, in less than four years," he said.

Using classrooms and community centers in Monterey County, Forman has bridged the gap between education and jazz music. Local program sites include the Carmel Youth Center, the Boys & Girls Club in Seaside, Captain Cooper School in Big Sur and Tularcitos Elementary School in Carmel Valley.



PHOTO/CHRIS COUNTS

Trumpeter Mike Weissman, 14, jammed all night long to help raise money for a local music education program.

JazzMasters has spread beyond the borders of Monterey County.

"It's really caught on," Forman said. "We are also now in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago and New York."

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Monterey restaurant manager magically turns balloons into Santa

By CHRIS COUNTS

AN EYE-POPPING sight awaits patrons at the Benihana restaurant in Monterey, where the familiar Santa Claus has been created entirely out of thousands of cherry-red, snow white and coal black balloons.

Alvin U, the restaurant manager when he isn't busy twisting and weaving balloons, is the creator of the larger-than-life-sized statue.

Diners gawked with amazement last week as U worked on his Santa. His magical touch with balloons isn't so surprising when you consider he is also a professional magician.

A native of Hong Kong who moved to the U.S. 12 years ago, U

► Restaurant manager, magician and balloon master Alvin U created the larger-than-life Santa at Benihana in Monterey.



PHOTO/CHRIS COUNTS

also works magic with marketing. In a clever ploy, Benihana is offering free dinners for four to the contestant who correctly guesses the number of balloons U used in his pneumatic Santa. The contest ends on Dec. 25.

Volunteers helped U in his 40-hour task by inflating the balloons. Without them, he guessed the project would have taken days longer. There were no blueprints to guide him; he invented the technique himself.

"It's all in my mind," said U, who frequently entertains guests with magic tricks at the Japanese restaurant.

The temptation to pop the balloons can be irresistible to small children, so U has

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become skilled at gracefully diverting kids from their devilish instincts. But in a couple weeks, when the sculpture has gradually lost its air, he will let the balloon-popping begin.

Although U enjoys making Santas, he's adept at creating a wide variety of characters, including Felix the Cat, Coyote and Roadrunner, dragons, witches and butterflies. Always looking to expand his craft beyond the next horizon, he's ready to try some new characters.

"In China, the Year of the Rooster begins in February," he said, revealing his next challenge. "I'd also like to make a Cupid for Valentine's Day."

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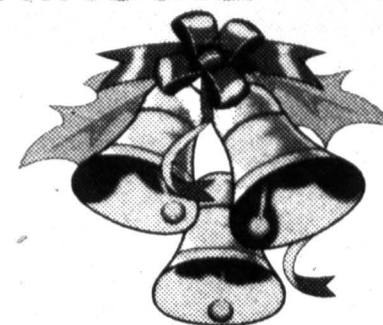
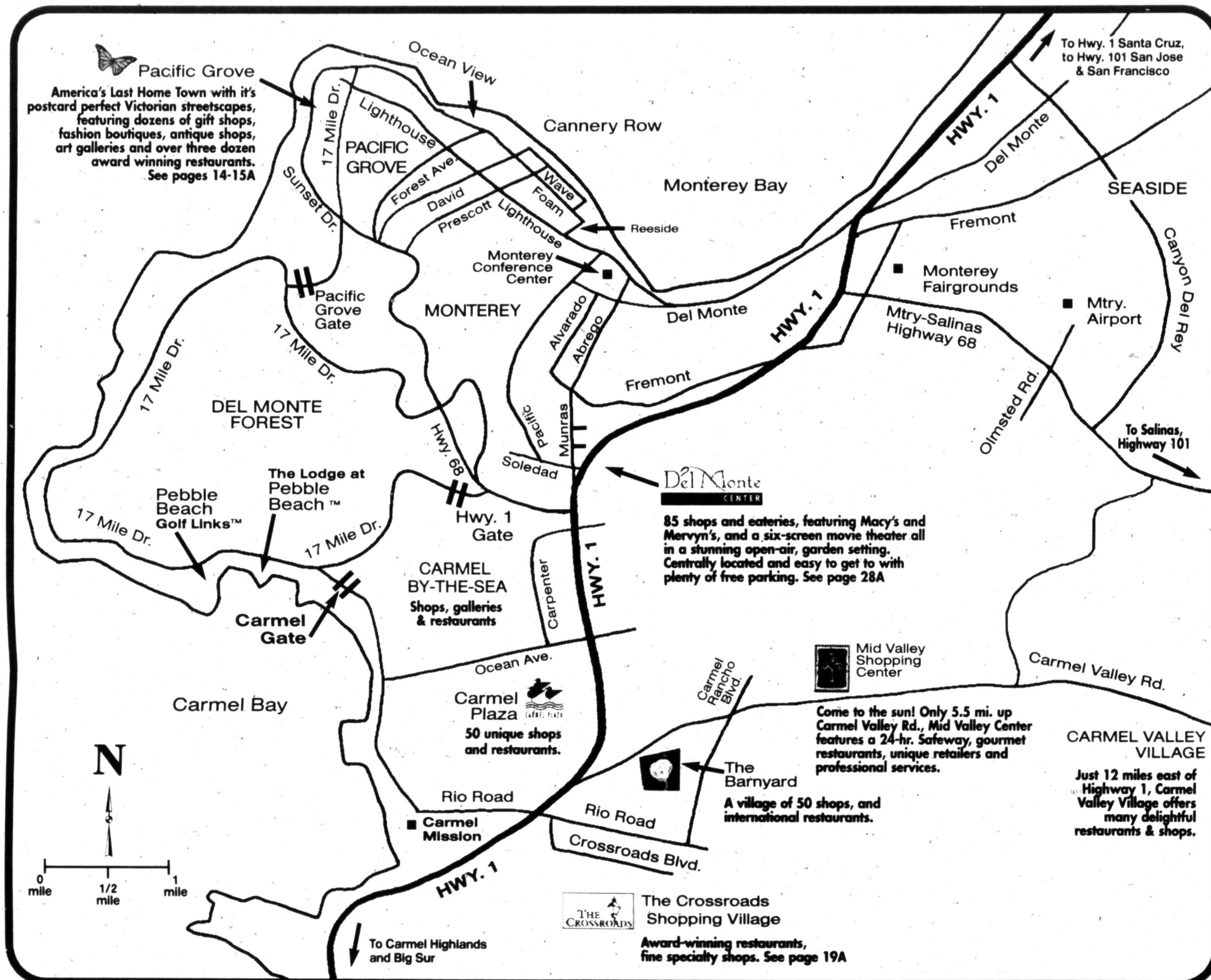
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How to close out the year with fun and music

THANKS TO the hard work and perseverance of a dedicated group of volunteers, **First Night Monterey** will celebrate its 12th anniversary next Friday, Dec. 31. The event, which has been scaled down in size this year due to financial constraints, nevertheless features a wide variety of performers and groups participating in more than 40 performance sites.



Plugged In

By Stephen L. Vagnini

Local musicians scheduled to appear at this year's event include Pacific Grove bluegrass band **Hootenanny**, jazz artists **Along Came Betty** plus **Kenny Stahl** and friends, folk music with **Jana Heller**, pop rock with **Trusting Lucy**; blues with **Red Beans & Rice** and **The Blue Tones**; children's music with **Nancy Raven**; and funk with the **Unknown Jeromes**.

This year's grand finale, which begins at 11:30 p.m. at the Custom House Plaza near the wharf in Monterey, will again feature the **Chicano All Stars**. This year's First Night celebration will also feature the grand reopening of the State Theatre

on Alvarado Street recently purchased and remodeled by Los Angeles businessman Dewey Evans.

First Night admission buttons can still be purchased at Longs Drugs and Mail Boxes, Etc. For schedules and more details, call (831) 373-4778 or visit their web page at www.firstnightmonterey.org.

Other New Year's Eve offerings include a gala affair at the Inn at Spanish Bay (call 831-647-7500) featuring four live bands: **The Garage Band**, **Wally's Swing World**, the

Bryan Diamond Trio and Disco Inferno.

Add to this mix a dash of gourmet international cuisine, a Moroccan-themed dinner with pop, hip-hop and swing music at the **Monterey Bay Aquarium** (831) 648-4800; **John "Broadway" Tucker** at **Sky McFly's** (831) 649-8050



Lisa Long and Linda Arceo of **Trusting Lucy** are among the multiple bands performing at First Night Monterey this year.



Formed in 1998, **Along Came Betty** features Brian Stock on trumpet and flugelhorn.

on Cannery Row; and **Neil Banks** at **Cibo's Ristorante** (649-8151) on Alvarado Street, downtown Monterey.

Pianist **Milton Fletcher**, fifth recipient of the James L. Lyons Scholarship to Berklee College of Music in Boston, graduated from the prestigious music school last year and is now busy making a name for himself in the world of jazz. Fletcher, who performs on Monday, Jan. 3, with his quartet at the **KRML Jazz & Blues Store**, is also a graduate of Monterey High School where he was a member of the jazz, marching and concert bands, as well as the National Honor Society. By the time Milton was 10 years old, he was participating in the Monterey Jazz Festival's education programs and eventually held the piano chair in the Monterey Jazz Festival High School All Star band for five years, trav-

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A PLEASING CHINESE EXPERIENCE AT FAIRWAY CENTER

YOU MAY remember this Chinese restaurant in the Fairway Center plaza as Yang's Happy Family, but don't look for that signage these days: Ming Palace reigns in its stead, owned and operated by Stacey Tsui.

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By MORGAN

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bought the 100-seat restaurant in June 2003, and has attracted a whole new clientele, which boasts very attractive Chinese decor.

Originally from one of the five largest cities in China — Guangzhou City, Canton Province — Tsui has owned two other restaurants, both in San Jose. This experience has served her well.

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The New General chicken (\$8.25) differs from the orange chicken (\$8.50) only in the sauce, which is spicier. Both are made with bite size white chicken meat, battered and deep

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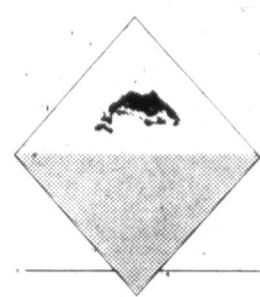
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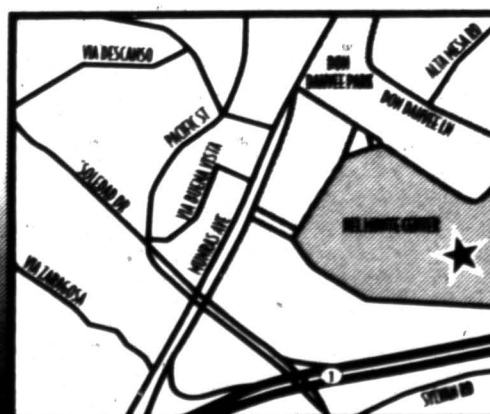
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New Joe Grey mystery arrives for Christmas

SHIRLEY ROUSSEAU MURPHY never seems to exhaust her plot ideas for Joe Grey, the sleuth protagonist of her series of 11 mystery novels.

Each is set in the coast town of Molena Point, almost a mirror image of Carmel-by-the-Sea, which is not surprising, as Murphy lives here.

Each finds private eye Grey hot on the trail of thieves, murderers or kidnappers with his sidekick Dulcie. They skulk down alleys, eavesdrop at open windows and fly across rooftops from cottage to cottage — which, too, is not surprising, as Joe and Dulcie are cats.

But don't stop reading: Murphy is such a fine writer, even those who are not fans of fantasy will be drawn into her stories and come to accept talking cats (whose talents are known only by a select few) who can solve mysteries and baffle the populace and police of Molena Point.

Murphy populates her novels with likable village residents, and carries them from book to book. They grow, like a real family, as time goes by.

In "Cat Cross Their Graves" — the just-off-the-press latest Joe Grey mystery — Murphy titillates us with a resident film star, who retires to Molena Point, buys an inn and

has the novel idea of allowing the pets of her clientele to check in, too. They are all welcome at the inn.

But the actress, who is about to be honored by the village to celebrate her old films, is murdered, and Kit, the tattercoat orphaned cat fostered by Joe and Dulcie, discovers the body on the back stairs of the inn.

There's always a subplot in a Murphy novel, and this time Dulcie, who is the library cat in Molena Point, hides a runaway young girl in the library. But is she as ingenious as she seems, or is she involved in some way with the film star's death? This and other conundrums are peppered throughout the book, making it multilevel and always intriguing.

Murphy's excellent writing has been recognized consistently: She has received six national Cat Writers' Association Awards for the Joe Grey series and five Council of Authors and Journalists Awards for previous books.

The 305-page hardcover, published by HarperCollins, is just now available in local bookstores and retailers for \$24.95.

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HERE'S notice of a coming literary event: **Christopher**

Caen, columnist for the **San Francisco Examiner** and **The Independent**, will visit Carmel for a talk in January. Son of the late **Herb Caen**, whose column in the Chronicle was read by legions of fans for decades, Christopher Caen will tell us about following in his dad's footsteps. Mark **Sunday, Jan. 23** on your calendar, at 4 p.m. in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center. Tickets are \$35 from the **Carmel Public Library Foundation** — sponsors of the event — at (831) 624-2811.



Christopher Caen

THE ROBINSON Jeffers Tor House 2005 Prize for Poetry has been announced: Entries are now being accepted for original, unpublished poems not to exceed three pages in length. There is a \$1,000 first prize, and a \$200 honorable mention. Deadline for submissions is March 15, 2005. For rules and fees, contact Tor House Foundation, Box 223240, Carmel, CA 93922.

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MING PALACE

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fried to a golden color and enrobed in a sweet and tangy spicy sauce. The orange chicken, as its name implies, is orange-infused.

Another all-time favorite is Singapore style fried noodles (\$7.75). These are thin rice noodles (the width of capellini pasta) sautéed with shrimp and barbecued pork. Powdered curry is added and stirred in well. If you've never had Singapore noodles, do so at your earliest convenience. They

are remarkable, and offer a departure from the usual Chinese palette of flavors.

The Ming Palace menu is an imaginative one, so as well as the usual broccoli beef, lemon chicken, and such, one may order such intriguing dishes as pineapple satay beef, tomato beef, bean curd beef and ginger beef; double mushroom chicken, shrimp with satay sauce, satayed fresh and dried squid, Beijing style ribs, steamed fish with black bean and soy sauce, and both a seafood hot pot and a Ming Palace hot pot for two persons, served on a gas grill with a pot of hot and spicy broth (or non spicy).

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LIVE MUSIC

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eling to Japan to perform with the group each summer.

Since graduating from Berklee, Fletcher has performed at this year's North Beach Jazz Festival in San Francisco, the Kuumbwa Jazz Center in Santa Cruz and the Monterey Jazz Festival.

The Milton Fletcher Quartet is composed of Fletcher on piano, **Deon Hairston**

on drums. **Yasushi Nakamura** on bass and **Seth Putnam**, playing trumpet, keyboard and guitar. For reservations call (831) 624-6431. Music starts at 7:30 p.m.

MJF publicist Paul Fingerote recently announced the Monterey Jazz Festival's "Jazz at Sunset" Spring 2005 Concert Series and it is a gem. The series kicks off on March 17 with the **SFJAZZ Collective**, led by **Joshua Redman**, and features a virtual who's who of notable players.

In addition to the renowned saxman, the

eight-person Collective features vibraphone master **Bobby Hutcherson**, trumpeter **Nicholas Payton**, **Renee Rosnes** on piano, **Miguel Zenon** on alto saxophone, drummer **Eric Harland**, **Matt Penman** on bass and trombonist **Isaac Smith**.

On April 7, Grammy award-winning saxophonist **Branford Marsalis** performs at the Sunset Center. Marsalis, an internationally recognized composer, arranger, producer, educator and player, will also serve as the Festival's 2005 artist-in-residence.

In addition to his Jazz at Sunset appear-

ance, Marsalis will perform and conduct clinics in the Monterey Jazz Festival's new Next Generation Festival Kick-Off Concert, conduct clinics at the Monterey Jazz Festival's Summer Jazz Camp, and perform throughout the weekend of the Monterey Jazz Festival.

The spring series culminates on April 20 with the appearance of legendary pianist **Dave Brubeck**. Tickets for all performances should be purchased well in

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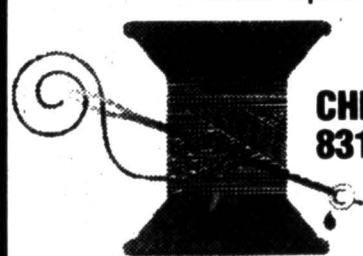
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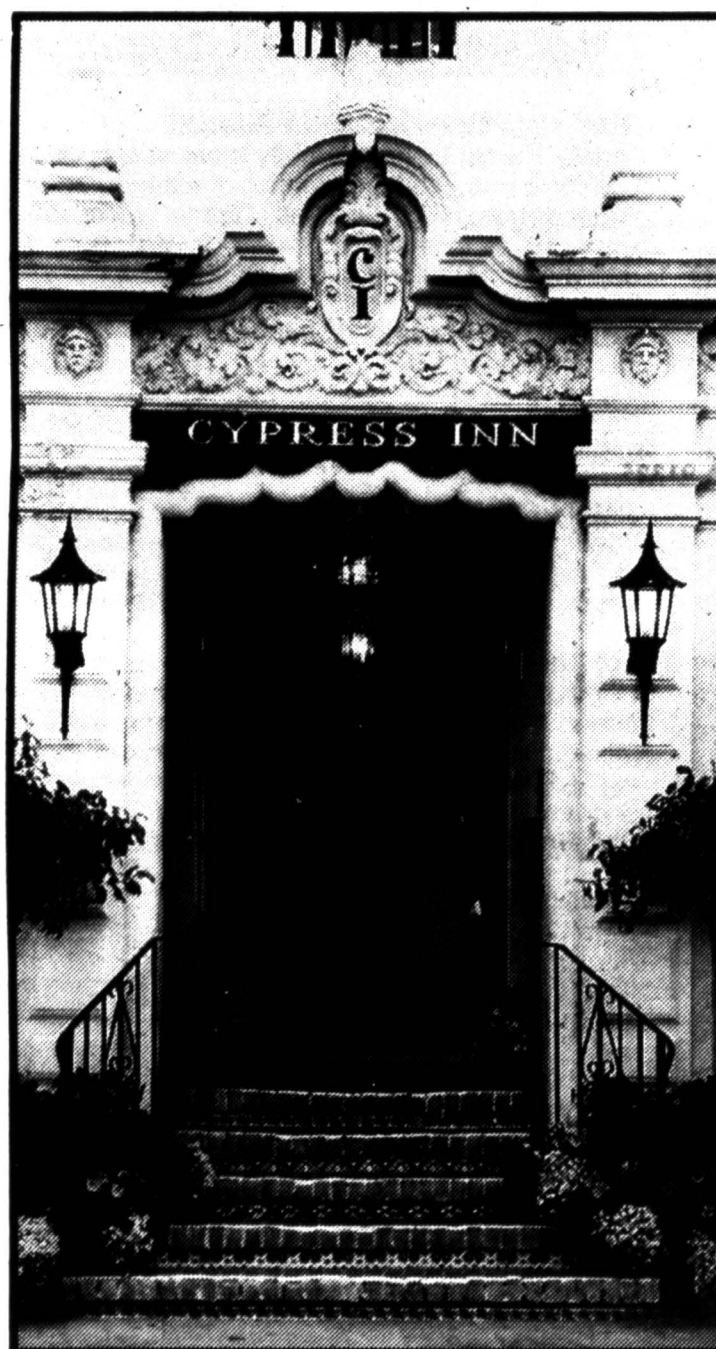
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20042776. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SMB CARMEL INTERIORS**, 3380 Rio Road, Carmel, CA 93923/Mailing: P.O. Box 748, Pebble Beach, CA 93953; **STEPHEN M. BURKE**, 3380 Rio Road, Carmel, California 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 23, 2004 (s) Stephen M. Burke. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 23, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2004. (PC1202)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20042706. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CMS - CALIFORNIA, LLC**, 10 Lazy Oaks, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. CLUB MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC, 10 Lazy Oaks, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on November 1, 2004. (s) Dennis R. Shepherd, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 15, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2004. (PC1203)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20042623. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **PC EXPERTS**, P.O. Box 10177, Salinas, CA 93912, Salinas, CA 93905. **ROJAN FRANCISCO**, 1218 Camarillo Ct., Salinas, CA 93905. **LUIS PAVON**, 225 San Simeon Ct., Greenfield, CA 93927. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Dec. 12, 2003. (s) Rojan Francisco. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 3, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2004. (PC1204)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20042796. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **JEWEL STUDIO**, 381 Cannery Row, Suite N, Monterey, CA 93901. **MALENE'S JEWELRY, INC.**, 381 Cannery Row, Suite N, Monterey, CA 93901. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Dec. 1, 2004. (s) Danny Guida, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 29, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2004. (PC1205)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20042783. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ALLIED WASTE SERVICES OF SALINAS**, 271 Rianda Street, Salinas, CA 93901. **BFI WASTE SYSTEMS OF NORTH AMERICA, INC.**, Delaware, 15880 N. Greenway-Hayden Loop #100, Scottsdale, AZ 85260. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Nov. 1, 2004. (s) Jo Lynn White, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 24, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2004. (PC1206)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In re the estate of
EVE WIRTH (FORMERLY EVE HORN)
Case No. MP-17425
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF EVE WIRTH (FORMERLY EVE HORN)
Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and mail a copy to DAVID B. SCATENE, Trustee of the Trust

dated January 8, 1991, wherein the decedent was the Settlor, at P.O. Box 805, Carmel, California 93921, within the later of four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 9103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 24, 2004.
(s) THOMAS HART HAWLEY,
Attorney for Trustee
Post Office Box 805
Carmel, California 93921

Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 2004. (PC1207)

SUMMONS
CASE NUMBER: 0401498
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
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The name, address and telephone number of the plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

A. LYSA SIMON,
Bar Number 94884
17134 Devonshire St., Suite 202
Northridge, CA 91325
Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual defendant. CCP 416.90 (individual)
Date: June 25, 2004
(s) John A. Clark, Clerk
by Sue Lillo, Deputy
Publication Dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2004. (PC 1208)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M72174
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner VALERIE P. SIGALA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A Present name: SWEETIE AALIYAH NICOLE RESENDEZ
Proposed name: SWEETIE AALIYAH NICOLE FUENTES

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: Jan. 14, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Michael S. Fields
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Nov. 5, 2004

Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2004. (PC1209)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20042837. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **ELLEN ACRES**, 3912 Ronda Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. **SUZANNE ELLEN THOMAS**, 3912 Ronda Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Dec. 1, 2004. (s) Suzanne Thomas. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 2, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2004. (PC1210)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20042821. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **DUMONT PROPERTIES**, 2959 Cormorant Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953. **DUMONT PROPERTIES, INC.**, 2959 Cormorant Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2005 (s) Carina Dumont, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 1, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2004. (PC1212)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20042867. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **5% REAL ESTATE COMPANY**, West side of Dolores between 5th & 6th streets, P.O. Box 6292, Carmel, CA 93921. **CATHERINE THOMPSON**, 35589 Texas Flatline Rd., Coarsegold, CA 93614. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 7, 2004 (s) Catherine Thompson. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 7, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2004. (PC1213)

SUMMONS
CASE NUMBER: M 67460
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
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and DAVID L. MITCHELL;
and DOES 1 to 10;
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and NINA WILCOX

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons is served on you to file a typewritten response to this court.

A letter or phone call will not protect you; your typewritten response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case.

If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book).

The name and address of the court is:
MONTEREY SUPERIOR COURT
1200 Agujito Road
Monterey, California 93940

The name, address and telephone number of the plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

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555 Abrego Street, 2nd Floor
Monterey, California 93940
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Date: Oct. 22, 2003
(s) Sherri L. Pedersen, Clerk
by Regina Pak, Deputy
Publication Dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 2004. (PC 1215)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20042768. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CASTLE COASTAL VINEYARDS**, 3265 W. Figarden Drive, Fresno, California 93710. **ARROYO SECO VINEYARD, LLC**, CALIFORNIA, 3265 W. Figarden Drive, Fresno, California 93710. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on April 15, 1999. (s) Russell Matsumoto, Agent. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 22, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2004. (PC1216)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ARTHUR ROSENTHAL

Case No. MP17418

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ARTHUR ROSENTHAL

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Marilyn Rosenwein in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Marilyn Rosenwein be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

dent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 14, 2005 at 10:30 AM in Dept. No. 14 located at 1200 AGUAJITO RD, MONTEREY CA 93940.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:
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CN716207 ROSENTHAL
Dec 17, 24, 31, 2004
Publication dates: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2004. (PC1214)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20042898. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as:

(1) WISDOM WISDOM
(2) WISDOMWISDOM.COM, 4000 Rio Rd. #21 (P.O. Box 223002 Carmel, CA 93922). Carmel, CA 93923. **GILBERT FAY WISDOM**, 4000 Rio Rd. #21, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1, 2004 (s) Gilbert Fay Wisdom. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 10, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 17, 24, 31, 2004 & Jan. 7, 2005. (PC1217)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M72463.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A Present name: DONALD R. CAPPARIS

Proposed name: DONALD R. CAPARIS

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: Jan. 14, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The

Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.
(s) Robert O'Farrell
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Dec. 8, 2004.

Publication dates: Dec. 17, 24, 31, 2004 & Jan. 7, 2005. (PC1218)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

DECLARATION AND REQUEST FOR PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS AND PETITION; ORDER CASE NO. DR42365

SANDRA A. RICKS, Petitioner
vs. MAURICE RICKS, Respondent

I, the undersigned, declare:
I am the Plaintiff in the above-entitled action.

Respondent and I separated November 1999. After returning home on November 18, 1999, I discovered our apartment was completely empty. Respondent was unemployed so I had no employer to call. I received a call from a friend of Respondents who informed me that Respondent had moved to Arkansas. I called every phone number that I knew of in Arkansas however everyone that I talked to has told me that they had not seen him. I had someone do an internet search however no information was found. I have not been able to locate Respondent for the past five years.

I do not desire to wait until which time Respondent returns to continue with my divorce and my life. I request that the court grant my request for publication so that I may move on with my life.

I request that proof of service of the summons be allowed by publication in The Carmel Pine Cone.

Dated: September 29, 2004

(s)Petitioner- In Pro Per, Sandra A. Ricks.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 7, 2004.

(s) Lisa M. Galdos, Clerk,
(s) J. Villanueva, Deputy
Publication dates: Dec. 17, 24, 31, 2004 & Jan. 7, 2005. (PC1219)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M72472.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: ANNE MAHMAN ABBOUD and SAMIR ABDEL RAHMAN ABBOUD petitioners, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A Present name: LAITH ADRIAN

PAPINEAU-ABBOUD

Proposed name: LAITH ADRIAN

ABBOUD

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: January 21, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Hon. Michael S. Fields
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Dec. 9, 2004.

Publication dates: Dec. 17, 24, 31, 2004 & Jan. 7, 2005. (PC1220)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M70696.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner ANGEL MANUEL VELAZQUEZ HERNANDEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A Present name: ANGEL MANUEL VELAZQUEZ HERNANDEZ

Proposed name: ANGEL MIGUEL FLORES HERNANDEZ

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: January 28, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. The address of the

court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Michael S. Fields
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Dec. 2, 2004.

Publication dates: Dec. 24, 31, 2004, Jan. 7, 14, 2005. (PC1221)

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 20041472. The following person, **BRAD PHILIPBAR**, has withdrawn as a general partner from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name of **FINE JEWELRY PHOTOGRAPHY** at 136 El Hemmar, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. The fictitious business name statement for the partnership was filed on June 18, 2004 in the county of Monterey. The full name and residence of the person withdrawing as a partner: **BRAD PHILIPBAR**, 28461 Mission Fields, Carmel, CA 93923. (s) Brad Philipbar. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 3, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 24, 31, 2004 & Jan. 7, 14, 2005. (PC1222)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20042973. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **CARMEL VALLEY MANOR**, 8545 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923. **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONGREGATIONAL RETIREMENT HOMES, INC.**, 8545 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 1963 (s) James R. Valentine, Executive Director & Asst. Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 20, 2004. Publication dates: Dec. 24, 31, 2004 & Jan. 7, 14, 2005. (PC1223)

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons bearing any interest in the matter, that the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, will conduct a Public Hearing.

SUBJECT: Consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission decision to approve an application for a Use Permit authorizing ancillary uses of baseball cards, sporting goods, videotape sales and book sales in a sport instruction use in the Central Commercial District. The appellant is Peter Bauman, on behalf of Sports Gallery.

PURPOSE: To determine if the decision of the planning commission should be upheld.

ZONING DISTRICT: Central Commercial

COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA: EXEMPT

DATE: Tuesday

DATE: January 4, 2005

TIME: 4:30 P.M. or shortly thereafter.

PLACE: The City Council Meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues.

Any court action made pursuant to decisions made by the City on this proposed action may be limited to issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing, and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

(s) Karen Crouch, City Clerk

DATED: December 24, 2004

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea does not discriminate against persons with disabilities. The City Hall is an accessible facility. The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Telecommunications Device for the Deaf/Speech Impaired (TDD) number 1-800-735-2929.

Publication dates: Dec. 24, 2004. (PC1224)

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BOP

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As with any fledgling nonprofit organization, JazzMasters needs money.

"We've been living off contributions and some grants," he said. "It's become this voracious animal that needs to be fed."

"Our greatest expense is paying the musicians," he said. "I do all of the administration and part of the teaching. When people give us money, it stays in the community and provides the maximum benefit."

JazzMasters has come a long way in a

few short years, Forman said.

"It's been more than just gratifying," he said. "It's been shocking. Our success is a testament to the sincerity of our mission and the wonderful people involved. The musicians really believe in this."

Forman picked the Carmel Youth Center to host the inaugural 25-hour jam-a-thon.

"We go where the kids are," he said. "You would be surprised how many kids live in Carmel."

The event raised about \$1,500 for JazzMasters. Forman said it provided a remarkable experience for those who participated.

"Everybody should be real proud," he said. "For the rest of their lives, they can say

they participated in a 25-hour music marathon. You can't put a dollar value on that."

Sleep deprivation and playing music can coexist surprisingly well, Forman said.

"When you play for along time and get past the tired place, you just play without thinking," he said. "You stop analyzing and play with more feeling and natural touch. The kids really made some musical breakthroughs."

Forman said three kids — Brice Albert of

Monterey, Noah Freedman of Carmel and Michael Weissman of Monterey — stayed for the duration of event, taking only occasional breaks from playing.

He's already making plans for next year's event.

"These bleary-eyed kids at the end of consciousness are already imploring me to do this again next year," Forman said.

For more about JazzMasters, visit

www.jazzmastersworkshop.org

'We go where the kids are.

You would be surprised

how many kids live in

Carmel.'

— **Bruce Forman**



PHOTO/CHRIS COUNTS

Brice Albert, grandson of Monterey Mayor Dan Albert, plays guitar at last week's jam-a-thon.

PINE CONE

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to buy the Forest Manor Lodge, a small motel across the street from Saks Fifth Avenue. But they needed a zoning change to allow the newspaper to occupy the old motel. Vehement opposition from former mayor Ken White, his wife Jean, preservation activist Enid Sales, former councilmen Dave Maradei and Jim Wright, and former planning commissioner Allan Paterson forced them to scuttle that plan. The couple also tried to buy two other buildings in downtown Carmel. One would have come with stiff in-lieu parking fees and required major renovation. Negotiations with the owner of the other didn't pan out. Meanwhile, they faced a deadline to sign a new, long-term lease for their current space.

"We went to great lengths to try to keep everybody in Carmel, but it turned out that just wasn't possible," Miller said.

The Pine Cone, which has won numerous

awards for outstanding reporting, design and production, and five Green Ribbon of Excellence awards from the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, has four people in its advertising sales department, which is managed by Tim Cadigan. Four design specialists, including production manager Jackie Cromwell and layout editor Anne Papineau, create the ads for the newspaper and prepare the individual pages for printing each week. They will be moving to the new Pacific Grove office, as will accounts receivable and classified advertising manager Alex Diaz and reporter Chris Counts. Two other reporters, Mary Brownfield and Margot Nichols, and receptionist Irma Garcia will stay in Carmel, but at a new location in the Stonehouse Terrace on San Carlos south of Seventh.

Miller and Wilde will split their time between the two offices.

Printing of the paper will still be handled by The Californian in Salinas; Central Coast Delivery will continue to distribute 23,000 copies a week.

"I am very proud of the top-notch staff we have, and the excellent outside contractors who take care of our printing and delivery," Miller commented. "We think The Pine Cone is one of the finest small-town newspapers in the country, and we'll work hard to make sure it stays that way."

From Dec. 31 to Jan. 3, The Pine Cone will be moving to its two new offices — in downtown Carmel at Stonehouse Terrace, Suite 1 (San Carlos south of Seventh), and in Pacific Grove at 734 Lighthouse.

The offices will be closed during this period and there may be interruptions in telephone, Internet, fax and e-mail service.

The main phone number, (831) 624-0162, and mailing address, P.O. Box G-1, Carmel, 93921, will remain the same. However, individual staff members will have their own new phone numbers, which will be printed in The Pine Cone next week. There will also be a new fax number for all departments: (831) 375-5251.

OPINION

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that if a new city is formed, it is expected to experience annual deficits in its initial years of operation after annual mitigation payments to the county.

Joan Bizzozero, secretary,
Carmel Views Community Association

The Good Guys and the Bad Dear Editor,

It's always a good idea to listen to your critics; your friends won't always tell you the truth. That's why I was interested to read the letter written by LandWatch President Roderic McMahan in the Dec. 3 Pine Cone.

I came away with the impression that McMahan sees the complex problems of Monterey County in a simple light: Apparently for LandWatch, decision making is just a matter of the good guys against the bad guys. The good guys are identifiable by their white hats, their desire to do good for their community, their care for the environment and their membership in LandWatch. The bad guys, according to McMahan, wear black hats, don't care about their community, care even less for the environment, are greedy capitalist developers and belong to groups such as Common Ground.

While such a viewpoint seemingly makes the interpretation of complex problems much simpler (all that's necessary is to look for the color of the hat), it does little to establish a meaningful dialog about the pressing and complex issues that confront Monterey County as we seek to adopt an update of our General Plan.

I learned from McMahan's article that anyone who dares to differ with the LandWatch point of view is simply an elite special interest whose point of view can thus be dismissed. But trivializing the complex issues of providing housing and economic development, while at the same time conserving natural resources, does nothing to resolve the inherent conflicts we must face together as residents of Monterey County.

As for the charges of environmental racism that were recently leveled at LandWatch, McMahan should realize that perception is everything. Intentionally or not, the LandWatch tactics of obstructing, delaying and restricting growth have had the consequences of marginalizing large sectors of the population. As noted by the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute, "Latino families are

far less likely to become homeowners and are far more likely to spend a greater proportion of their incomes than all other residents of the state."

During the Refinement Group process last year, LandWatch had an excellent opportunity to achieve the General Plan dialog that McMahan now claims that LandWatch wants. But instead of staying the course and doing the hard work of resolving perplexing problems, LandWatch and other groups chose to walk out of the meetings.

In like manner, McMahan's attacks on the credibility of Common Ground and the Refinement Group do harm to the ability to achieve a public dialog over the issues. Rather than focusing on the facts and the issues themselves, such an approach appeals to the emotions. McMahan is factually incorrect to say that I "sit on the board of 21st Century Solutions." He correctly says that I am a member of the board of the Center for Community Advocacy, a board that consists of farm workers, professionals and businesses. We advocate together for decent housing opportunities for farm workers.

The Monterey County General Plan should serve the needs of the residents of the county. If you want to know what farmers need in order to stay competitive and keep agriculture viable, ask a farmer. If you want to know what it takes to build housing that's affordable, ask those that build it. If you want to know what it takes to keep the hospitality industry alive and well, ask those involved in the industry. If you want a plan to serve the people of Monterey County, ask those who live and work here. That's exactly what we've been doing.

The Refinement Group is composed entirely of residents of Monterey County and has put more than 6,000 hours of work into writing a plan for the people that will meet the needs of those who live and work here. This group, which McMahan refers to as "the same group of elite special interests," is currently composed of representatives of the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce, Independent Growers Association, Grower-Shipper Association, CHISPA, Monterey County Hospitality Association, Latino Coalition, Coast Property Owners Association, Monterey County Association of Realtors, Monterey County Cattleman/women, Monterey County Visitors & Convention Bureau, Monterey County Farm Bureau, Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association, Monterey/Santa Cruz

County Building and Trades Council, Salinas Valley Builders Exchange, 21st Century Solutions Group and Common Ground Monterey County.

I would suggest that McMahan and LandWatch listen to their critics and learn from what the majority of the population of Monterey County wants: quality of life, housing and economic opportunity.

Finally, I would suggest that Mr. McMahan remember that growth is not an abstract concept or a matter of drawing neat lines on a map; growth means people, and people need places to live as well as an economy that's alive and well. That's what we're all about.

Tom Carvey, executive director
Common Ground

'Lettuce curtain' must come down Dear Editor,

LandWatch's Roderic McMahan misleads Carmel Pine Cone readers when he opines that all who oppose LandWatch's General Plan initiatives comprise, "[the] same small group of private interest..." ("LandWatch under increasing attack," Dec. 3). Mr. McMahan seeks to buttress his opinion by alleging that the executive director of the Center for Community Advocacy (CCA) a nonprofit farmworker housing advocacy organization, sits on the board of directors of Common Ground, a business-oriented group. He is wrong on two counts.

Firstly, the CCA executive director does not sit on the Common Ground board of directors; he never has and he does not plan to do so. Secondly, the alliance that currently opposes LandWatch's General Plan proposals includes nonprofit affordable housing developers, organized labor, farmworker advocates and Latino elected officials, as well as business interests from the Salinas Valley and the Monterey Peninsula.

McMahan correctly notes that Tom Carvey, the Common Ground executive director, sits on the CCA board of directors; so does an elected member of the Monterey County Democratic Party Central Committee, the rector at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the superintendent of the area's most heavily Latino school district and business leaders ranging from a banker to a strawberry grower. More importantly, these persons serve alongside 10 farmworker leaders who have successfully led their

CCA-trained tenant committees through successful actions, including rent-strikes, against their landlords.

CCA's model holds that people from different backgrounds and political perspectives should come together to solve problems and thus create a better community. CCA believes that when considering public policy, the more persons you have making a decision and the more diversity you have among the decision-makers, the better the decision will be. CCA holds to this principle, both in the way it organizes its board of directors and in the alliances it chooses to join.

CCA joined the General Plan Refinement Group, precisely because the group's membership reflected the diversity, as noted above, that CCA seeks to foster among decision-makers. LandWatch initially was a member of the group. LandWatch's presence helped to give the group the diversity of opinion and perspectives that CCA encourages. Unfortunately, LandWatch refused to negotiate with the other members of the group (however difficult those negotiations might have been). Instead, LandWatch chose to walk away from the Refinement Group and take with it all representatives from the environmental protection community. The other members of the group — nonprofit affordable housing developers, organized labor, farmworker advocates, Latino political leaders and business leaders from throughout the county — chose to remain.

CCA chose to remain with the Refinement Group and to fight, within that group, for the social justice values that CCA champions. CCA remains committed to fostering other creative alliances that seek to improve the quality of life for all residents of Monterey County, including farmworkers and other low-income working families. CCA remains especially committed to collaborative efforts that seek to end the increasingly injurious segregation that is afflicting Monterey County.

Anyone who takes an unbiased look at the demographics of Monterey County can see that the Peninsula is becoming more Anglo and wealthy while the Salinas Valley is becoming more working class, Latino and poor. This "Lettuce Curtain" which divides our county must come down. CCA suggests that the curtain can come down only if persons of different backgrounds, different political beliefs and different perspectives come together to seek solutions.

Juan Uranga, executive director,
Center for Community Advocacy

CAPE IVY

From page 1A

"There is more cape ivy in Bixby Canyon than in the entire country of South Africa," Balciunas said.

In Bixby Canyon, where Lipman battled the vine for years in an effort to maintain his garden, cape ivy has literally swallowed

abandoned cars. Only auto-shaped bumps in the bright green landscape hint at their hiding places.

Will the bugs eat anything else?

Importing two seemingly innocuous insects might not seem like a big deal, but biocontrol has a checkered history. While many efforts to control pests with introduced species have succeeded, several spectacular

failures make government agencies and the public wary.

The mongoose, for instance, was introduced to Hawaii in the late 19th century in an attempt to exterminate rats that were taking over sugar plantations. Unfortunately, rats are nocturnal and mongooses prefer sunshine. Today, mongooses are considered pests because they prey on the eggs of ground-nesting birds, many of which are very rare.

In the world of biocontrol, even the best of intentions can have disastrous results, so Balciunas must convince a variety of government agencies that the cape ivy gall fly and the cape ivy stem-boring moth won't create more problems than they solve.

In a quarantined environment, Balciunas

has offered the tiny insects an opportunity to dine on 80 different native plants common to the Big Sur Coast. So far, they only seem interested in cape ivy, an encouraging sign. Still, don't look for their arrival on West Coast shores soon.

"Realistically, it will be two or three years," Balciunas said. "The federal bureaucracy doesn't move very fast and government funds for the project are slowing down."

The California Native Plant Society has contributed money to the project, but its resources are limited.

"We need more money," said Jake Sigg, invasive exotics chairman of the California Native Plant Society. "Invasive plants are nonpartisan. They cut across party lines."

Caltrans to create \$900,000 greenbelt

IF YOU'VE driven Highway 1 between Carmel and Seaside recently, perhaps you've noticed piles of steaming mulch stacked up in the median.

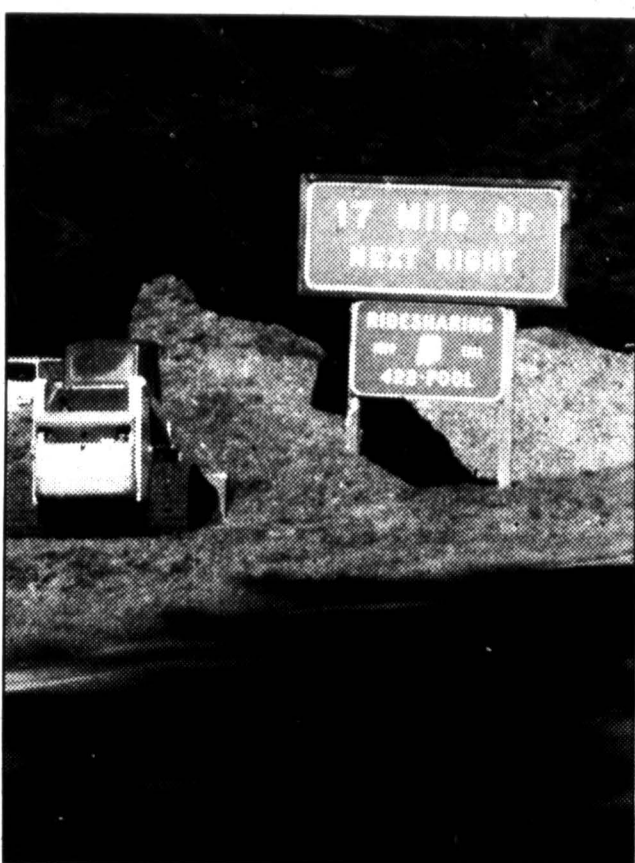
The mulch is part of a landscaping project by the California Department of Transportation that began in May and is scheduled to conclude in January.

Caltrans public information officer Suzanna Zavala said the object of the project is to create a landscaped barrier of drought-tolerant plants on one side of the median and an access road on the other side.

They began planting seeds last week. Plants that will be established in the median include wild lilac, coyote brush, toyon, Monterey cypress, coast live oak and manzanita.

Zavala said Caltrans will maintain the landscaping for three years before handing over that responsibility to the county and appropriate cities.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$900,000.



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

Caltrans is planting wild lilac, toyon, oak, cypress and manzanita in the median strip.

Bakery manager heads chamber board

By MARY BROWNFIELD

BUON GIORNO Bakery and Café manager Maria Murray will become president of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce Jan. 1 — a role she has been preparing for all year as president-elect.

The president's job, which sometimes requires 40 hours a week, includes facilitating all board meetings and working toward the goals set for the year.

"We're opening a new visitors center, which will be state of the art and a really fabulous place," Murray said of the center, planned at street level below the chamber's offices on San Carlos Street.

Past president and interior designer Tom Williams is designing the new center for free and providing the materials at a reasonable cost, according to Murray.

"We're hoping to be open by March or April," she said. "That's our number-one priority."

The board also voted to focus on wooing more people into town.

"We'll be working with the city as well as our own in-house marketing committee to promote tourism in Carmel," she said.

Meanwhile, the economic development committee is following up on means of pumping up business, including an art auction that could draw international collectors and involve local galleries.

"Continuing to work to have a good relationship with the city is also very important to us," she said.

In addition to the chamber's dedicated executive director and staff, Murray said the board goes to great efforts to get work done.

"The people on this board are very, very committed to the businesses and the chamber," she said. "And that makes my job a lot less stressful."

The board recently expanded to 18 and includes new members Craig Anapol of Alain Pinel Realtors, Pebble Beach lodge GM Janine Chicourrat, Jennifer Hill of New Masters Gallery, Jennifer Kriste of KION 46 and KCBA Fox 35, Thompson Lange of Homescapes, Carmel, and attorney Tom Nash, all of whom will take their seats in January.

At a recent meeting, the board chose realtor Janet Reilly of Keller Williams as president-elect for 2005 and named Monterey County Bank Vice President Michael Adamson.

"It's a working board: You come; you become a chair person; you get a project — every member on that board does a job for the community," she said. "It continues to amaze me that people continue to volunteer, because everybody would like to have more time these days. To get professionals who care about the community and want to volunteer is a wonderful thing."

SPORTS

From page 1A

Marshall promised. "We won't be throwing baseballs in the building."

Serious business vs. low end?

Kelley, general manager Peter Bauman and company vice president Tom Fehrenbach appeared at the hearing on behalf of Sports Gallery, which sells a variety of sports memorabilia and collectibles, including autographed balls, jerseys and prints.

"We're here because the primary use for this facility is in direct competition with Sports Gallery," Kelley said. "I think you're trading a serious business, albeit small, with a good reputation for quality merchandise, for what is the low end of the business — a card shop."

As lead investor, Kelley said he would recommend moving the business after the lease ends if Marshall is allowed to open his shop less than a block away. He told commissioners their job is to provide a balanced mix of businesses and that approving another sports memorabilia store so close would skew that balance.

"Even though we've only been here for

three years, our intention has always been to spread roots here and grow," Fehrenbach told the commission.

Bauman added, "Being part of the community, we're very involved with charities and the overall community activities of Carmel. We would hate to have to move somewhere else to be without direct competition around the corner."

Even their landlord, David Kent, asked the commission not to let Carmel Baseball open.

Marshall told The Pine Cone his challenges have no reason to worry about competition from his shop because he designed it deliberately to avoid interfering with theirs.

"My items aren't even close to theirs. I have stuff from Japan and the women's baseball league — old baseball stuff like books and yearbooks dating to the 1900s," he said. "No store around town has anything to do with baseball history. I have old stuff like Cracker Jack cards that they don't even want to carry." Marshall said he's been building his collection for years.

A longtime associate of Trosky, he invited the coach, who has worked with German and Croatian teams, to operate his Trosky School in the shop.

At the hearing, planning commissioner Ken Talmage said the commission's job is to ensure a proposed business will meet city

codes, not limit competition.

"We have lots of businesses in this town that compete with one another: 120 art galleries, 32 jewelry stores and who knows how many restaurants," he said. "I would hope this community is large enough for two stores."

Commissioners unanimously voted to approve the use permit for Carmel Baseball, which is set to open in the space previously occupied by the Lilliana Branco Gallery on Sixth Avenue between Dolores and Lincoln streets.

Kelley filed his appeal Dec. 14, but this week, Bauman contacted Marshall by e-mail and requested they meet to "find a mutually beneficial relationship."

Bauman said he and his partners realized they needed to learn more about Marshall's store before proceeding with their appeal, which the city council is scheduled to hear Jan. 4.

At press time, Marshall told The Pine Cone he had met with Kelley and Bauman, who told him they would like to work with him to help both shops succeed. "I felt very positive about it. We discussed the workings of my business and how it wouldn't be head-to-head competition with theirs." No promise to drop the appeal was made.

SUNSET

From page 1A

\$5,440 from the current \$1,610. For-profit tenants such as the Yoga Center of Carmel will pay twice as much. The current, subsidized rents fall far below actual costs, and SCC plans to phase in increases over the next three years, according to Price.

Most of the tenants, including the Center for Photographic Art, the yoga center, the Cultural Council for the Monterey Peninsula and the Forest Theater Guild, will pay higher rents beginning Jan. 1.

Yoga center director Kathleen Karachale said she supports the renovated Sunset Center and has no problem paying more rent. A tenant for 14 years, the yoga center remodeled and upgraded the cottage it occupies three years ago.

"We believe we are being treated fairly," she wrote in a statement. "We believe we can continue to meet our goal of providing yoga instruction at affordable costs through modest increases in our tuition."

Rents for historic organizations like the Carmel Bach Festival, Monterey Symphony and Chamber Music Monterey Bay will increase July 1 and will be negotiated, along with raises in their user fees, with their new contracts, according to Price.

"I've been here for 14 years, and the rent has never been raised," said Joe Truskot, executive director of the Monterey Symphony. He said the rent increase was justifiable, especially considering the costs of electricity, water and heat have gone up every year but the city has never charged more for them.

Jack Buffington, president of the Carmel Bach Festival board, said, "We know what rent they've proposed, and it's quite a bit. I've written back to them and indicated we need to know how much our total costs [including user fees] are going up."

Fees to reflect staging costs

On Dec. 13 the SCC finance committee approved a new fee schedule that more closely reflects the price of staging productions at Sunset, according to Price, who said it should be adopted by the board next week.

"We approached it from the standpoint of what does it really cost to provide the service, rather than what does the market bear," he explained. "We've pinned that down pretty well."

The board researched rates and expenses at 16 other theaters across the country to help determine what to charge Sunset users.

Citing its complexity, he declined to go through the list item by item with The Pine Cone, but said basic hall rental now includes

the theater, lighting, one microphone, stage-level dressing rooms, the backstage area, box office, lobbies and 10 to 20 ushers and ticket collectors. In the past, basic hall rent did not include those items, but Price said it made more sense to do so and then charge additional fees for other services as needed.

Those can include "electrics" — poles of lights above the stage — which Sunset charged \$120 each, but which the SCC board dropped to \$40 to better reflect the cost to run them, Price said.

The new basic hall rental rate is \$900 or 10 percent of gross receipts (whichever is greater) for nonprofits and \$2,000 or 10 percent of gross for moneymaking ventures. SCC is offering startup grants to nonprofits to ease the transition.

Setup and rehearsal days were \$300 but are now \$600. It costs "more than \$600 to open the door," Price said.

"Sunset Center is so much better than what it used to be," Truskot acknowledged, but the new fees may change how the symphony stages its concerts. "It's a very big deal. A vast part of our expense is the cost of operating in a theater."

Truskot is optimistic about negotiations with incoming Sunset Center Executive Director Jack Globenfelt, who starts work Jan. 3, but he said the symphony could end up holding some events elsewhere if Sunset's

rates are prohibitive.

Max Bragado-Darman, who in January will conduct his first production as the symphony's new musical director, "will be a strong force in fine-tuning Sunset Center," Truskot added.

Buffington said the Bach Festival will also discuss the increases with Globenfelt.

"We basically take over for five weeks from July to August, so we're a little different than someone coming in just for a particular concert," he said.

'Nutcracker' dustup settled

Price said Dance Kids of Monterey County, which staged its "Nutcracker" at the center earlier this month, received a startup grant and has been billed for fees comparable to last year's performance.

Its executive director, Alan Richmond, had originally thought the charges were increasing by \$8,000 and decried the hike in an angry letter to Price and the board.

Price said confusion over the figures sparked the disagreement but that he hoped Richmond would be satisfied when he received his bill for the theater use. Dance Kids' offices are closed for the holidays.

"A lot of smoke was made out of this," Price said. "We made some mistakes in the way it was communicated."

O P I N I O N

Editorial**Businesses need help from their congressman**

DOZENS OF Monterey County restaurants, wineries and retail stores have been victimized in the last five years by a blatant scam — a scam made possible by a seriously flawed federal law, the Americans with Disabilities Act. As has been extensively reported in this newspaper, almost 20 such suits have been filed this year by a single plaintiff against some of the most respected businesses on the Monterey Peninsula. He and a handful of other disabled people have sought paydays by suing Mission Ranch, the Cottage of Sweets, the Red House Cafe, Pine Inn, Casanova, the Running Iron, Tarpy's Roadhouse, etc., etc., etc.

Two weeks ago, a judge in Los Angeles accused the plaintiff in many of these lawsuits, Jarek Molski, of running an extortion racket by suing for millions over trivial ADA violations and then settling for \$35,000 to \$40,000 each. This heroic judge did all he could by barring Molski from filing any more lawsuits in the L.A. federal courthouse. But unfortunately the ruling has no effect in this part of the state. Who will be the next victim of Molski or one of the other specialists in this kind of legal robbery?

But while Central Coast business owners are being held up by a handful of unscrupulous disabled people and their lawyers, the one local politician who could come to their rescue, Congressman Sam Farr, has been completely silent on the issue.

The ADA was enacted with good intentions. Making it easier for people in wheelchairs to visit public places is certainly something everyone should support. But the ADA accomplished that in an utterly nonsensical way by setting out only vague standards for compliance ("remove barriers where it is readily achievable to do so") and by leaving enforcement to the civil courts.

In other words, it is impossible for business owners to know exactly what they have to do to comply. The only way for them to ascertain whether they are in compliance is to be sued and win. And even an overwhelming victory in court is only good until the next lawsuit is filed.

The solution is obvious: Amend the ADA to include specific standards for disabled access and offer an inexpensive — and legally binding — way for people to find out if they are in compliance. Or put in a 90-day "right to cure" that would require a business owner to be notified and given the chance to fix any alleged problems with handicapped access before a lawsuit can go forward.

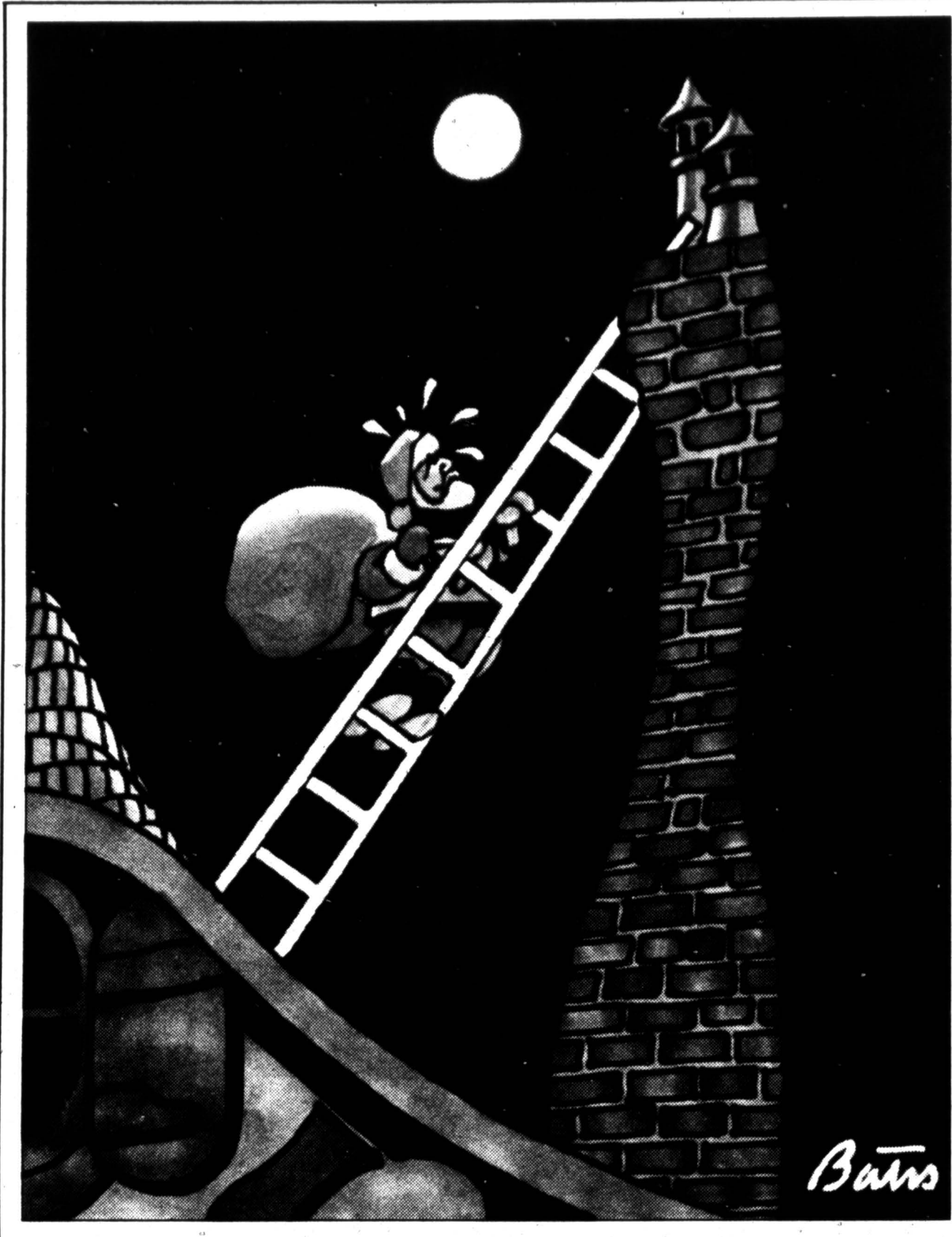
After gains in recent elections, the Republican Party is firmly in charge on Capitol Hill and at the White House. President Bush has made limiting outrageous lawsuits a major goal of his second term. But progress on reforming the ADA has been slow, presumably because politicians are afraid to tackle it for fear of being excoriated by the New York Times and CBS for being "mean" to the disabled.

That's where Sam Farr comes in. As one of Washington's veteran Democratic congressmen — who has a 93 percent approval rating from the ACLU and even better ratings from other liberal special interest groups such as the National Abortion Rights Action League and the National Education Association — Farr could do a great service for his constituents without fear of political consequences by being a leader in the ADA reform movement.

But Farr's extensive website contains not a single mention of any problem with the ADA, offers no guidance for businesses trying to comply with it and offers no suggestions for changing it. According to some local businessmen, he has basically ignored their pleas for help. An extensive search of the Internet turns up quite a few sites containing the words "Sam Farr" and "ADA." But almost all of them link him to the Americans for Democratic Action, not the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Also, a website that tracks politicians' views on a wide variety of public issues shows Farr has not taken any position on handicapped-access lawsuits. (See http://www.issues2000.org/CA/Sam_Farr.htm#Civil_Rights)

The ADA is a big local problem caused by a bad federal law. Is it too much to ask that our congressman show some leadership on this issue?

BATES**Letters to the Editor**

The Pine Cone encourages submission of letters which address issues of public importance. The Pine Cone reserves the right to determine which letters are suitable for publication. Letters should not exceed 350 words, and must include the author's name, telephone number and street address. Please do not send us letters which have been submitted to other newspapers.

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Council makes 'decisions without knowing the facts'

Dear Editor,

The city council could have increased revenue flowing into its coffers within 10 days of its December meeting. All it had to do was approve the increase in the hotel tax from 10 percent to 12 percent. Another missed opportunity to provide a long-term revenue stream. The shocking part of the council meeting was the hotel tax discussion by council members. The certified petition ordinance wasn't included in their meeting packet. This could explain why the coun-

cilmembers' comments didn't seem to match how the ordinance was designed. It supported tourist promotion, help for the library and help for our streets, beaches and forests. How could anyone be against this? How could they make their decisions without knowing the facts?

It has been a long time since the city council has done anything to bring added revenue to our city. You can overlook the \$2 ticket price increase at Sunset (fewer attendees), the charging of tour buses for parking (fewer buses and fewer tourists), and the refusal to accept the Carmel Fire Belles generous gift to the city for our fire department.

And now they are spending another 30 days studying the "impact" of an additional \$750,000 in annual revenues. Are campaign promises affecting the council's ability to implement added revenue? The solution to date has been to cut services and lay off loyal employees, and delay capitol projects.

The proposed ordinance requires the hotel tax increase (\$750,000) to be divided as follows: \$93,750 to tourist promotion and \$187,500 to support the library and other city assets, \$281,250 for capital improvements, \$187,500 to support our beaches and parks. The ordinance changes are a win-win situation for everyone. All facets of our community needs are improved. Carmel can move forward to regain its charm and world-

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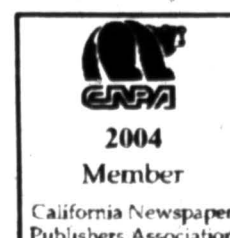
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Monte Miller, Carmel

Sale no problem for preserve

Dear Editor,

Regarding the possible sale of Flanders Mansion: From time to time, some have expressed concern that a sale would seriously limit access to the Mission Trail Nature Preserve.

A look at the facts shows there is no cause for concern. All six entrances to the nature preserve would remain public, as would all the miles of trails within it, save for the eastern few feet of two trails that end west of the Flanders Mansion driveway. In Rowntree Arboretum, all existing trails would be public, as would the north and south entrances to it, both of which provide easy access to the arboretum. Two western entrances to the arboretum would close, unless the city makes a provision for a public easement to all crossing the Flanders driveway. All but a minuscule portion at the extreme southwest section of the arboretum would remain intact. Trails and land that surround the 1,427 acres that would be sold would remain open. The property that would be sold represents less than 5 percent of the 35-acre nature preserve and the arboretum.

The foregoing facts, easily ascertainable by independent inspection, should be addressed in the planned environmental impact report. Then the public access issue concerning the preserve and the arboretum will be settled clearly and on a truly informed basis, as it must be.

Alexander C. Crosby, Carmel

Parking for long-term businesses

Dear Editor,

I received a letter today announcing the initiation of some unlimited business parking in the Carmel commercial district. Parking is a problem that has been under discussion for many years, and it was clearly time to do something. However, two solutions would be far more equitable and permanent in addressing the real problem than this current trial.

It is reasonable that business owners receive an annual parking permit with their business license when they attain a set longevity, such as 25 years. That permit could be used by either the owner or an employee of that business. Reaching 25-year status really proves a business owner has not only contributed steady tax dollars for the city services over an extended period, but also enhanced the stability of the downtown community. I have been told that Carmel has one of the highest business failure rates in the country, so those hard working, aging merchants who qualify for a parking permit merit some "thank you" from the city. I can't imagine anyone would object to the idea of earning the right to an unlimited parking permit by attaining an established level of seniority in the Carmel business community. This is a much more equitable policy than a "first-come" area and the most thoughtful way the city can express tangible gratitude to older individuals who have dedicated their working lives to building the core of our current business community.

The city should also expand the lot at Sunset Center several levels underground with a pedestrian plaza over the top, street level with San Carlos Street. This public-friendly plaza could feature landscaping and restrooms, a fountain and scattered benches, so the ambiance of the city is upgraded while the parking problem is simultaneously remedied underground. If engineering of a multilevel underground parking garage is feasible, it would effectively solve the parking

problem. Employees and younger business owners could be offered parking permits inside this facility at nominal rates. This would be a logical solution for everyone and should be investigated by our elected officials.

Carol E. Williams, Carmel

'Seems absurd to me'

Dear Editor,

Well, here we have our "new," multi-million-dollar Sunset Center. But, guess what? Our local school kids can't use it — can't afford it — it's too expensive! Gee, wasn't it our "community center"? Guess not anymore. Yet the school board is considering building a new, expensive performing arts center? I thought we already had one. It seems absurd to me.

Sonja Jeter, Carmel

Sinotte is 'honest and courageous'

Dear Editor,

My wife and I moved to Carmel Views 26 years ago. It was one of the best decisions we have ever made. We have always been very impressed with the genuine interest everyone expresses toward each other in our community and by the warmth and sincerity of their friendship. It is truly a great pleasure to be part of it.

Regarding the recent letter to the editor in your paper written by Margaret Robbins pertaining to Bob Sinotte, president of the Carmel Views Association, I strongly feel I must respond.

One of the most important "positive" aspects of living here is that we have had Bob Sinotte as president of our association for six years. We are very fortunate that he is willing to accept this responsibility for another year and lead us through this period of uncertainty regarding the creation of the town of Carmel Valley.

Bob Sinotte is a man of excellent character and high integrity. He is a devoted worker, spending many hours of each day for our better interests. He is both compassionate and courageous — an honest man — you can trust his word. You can rely on his dedication to his responsibilities. And another thing — you can't help but like him! It is not in his character to spend his time belittling or demeaning others, particularly in print. He has more positive things to do.

By the way, you may have seen Bob this Christmas season standing in front of Longs Drug Store in the Crossroads. He was ringing a bell and presiding over a small red bucket seeking your donation for the Salvation Army.

Earlier this year, 91 percent of the members of our association voted and requested a Formal Declaration of Opposition to being part of the Town of Carmel Valley. They can have their town — but leave Carmel Views out of it.

Ernie Snortum, Carmel

Why the derogatory letter?

Dear Editor,

Your Dec. 17 issue contained a letter to the editor by Margaret Robbins which was unfairly critical of Carmel Views President Robert Sinotte. Margaret Robbins does not live in Carmel Views.

I was president of Carmel Views Community Association in the mid 1980s and am very familiar with the responsibilities of CVCA and its president, Robert Sinotte, who, along with his board of directors, has been unanimously elected every year during his term. He has done an outstanding job working exceptionally long hours devoted to CVCA.

The statement, "I am not stepping down" was misinterpreted. Mr. Sinotte merely offered himself for reelection by a majority of CVCA residents at the next general annual meeting.

Mrs. Robbins unfairly claimed that CVCA is a "Banana Republic" and that Mr. Sinotte does not represent the members of CVCA. Mr. Sinotte meets regularly with his board of directors, has mailed out questionnaires many times and has polled the members regarding issues such as the Carmel Valley city. He has been more active and responsive to CVCA members than most previous CVCA presidents, including me.

I am curious as to what motivated Mrs. Robbins to write such a derogatory letter.

George E. Ferguson, Carmel

'Overwhelming opposition to incorporation'

Dear Editor,

As secretary of the Carmel Views Community Association, I found it disturb-

ing to read Margaret Robbins' letter to the editor published on Dec. 17. Mrs. Robbins is not a member of our association, does not live in Carmel Views, has never attended a meeting, and is basing her "Banana Republic" comments on nonfactual hearsay. According to the bylaws of CVCA, members of our board are elected for two-year terms. There is no limit to how many times a person may run for an unpaid, volunteer position on the board. At the 2004 annual meeting, there were no nominations from the floor, and upon a motion unanimously carried, Bob Sinotte and one other member whose term was due to expire were elected to serve for another one-year term. Mr. Sinotte has done an excellent job for our association, and we are hopeful that he will continue to serve on the board.

As to speaking on behalf of Carmel Views without authorization: The president of any association is free to do so, with the consent of the association. A vote was taken of our members as to whether or not to file a Declaration of Opposition to Incorporation with LAFCO, and 92 percent of the respondents voted to file such a declaration. A formal Declaration of Opposition to Incorporation was filed with LAFCO in September 2003. We are an open association with an overwhelming opposition to incorporation.

Isn't it high time we started dealing in facts rather than mudslinging?

On a personal note, I would also like to add that Glenn Robinson's letter to the editor published on the same date neglected to include one important thing stated at the LAFCO meeting by the fiscal analysts —

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Sandy Claws

By Margot Petit Nichols

MAE KREGER, 17 weeks old, got in trouble last week for eating a red Christmas candle and the pompom off a Santa hat at her Pebble Beach home.

Apparently just getting into the spirit of the season, little Mae is looking forward to opening her Christmas presents and helping Mom Judy and Dad Leon open theirs. Her sisters, Hannah and Emma, also yellow Labs, will tear into their presents with fervor, too. During the year, when FedEx packages come to the house, Mom and Dad let the girls open those, just to get in practice.

Although big for her age, Mae

can't quite climb onto the couch to join Hannah, and Emma, so she puts her front paws on the sofa, looks around pitifully until Mom or Dad boosts her up so she can snuggle with Emma.

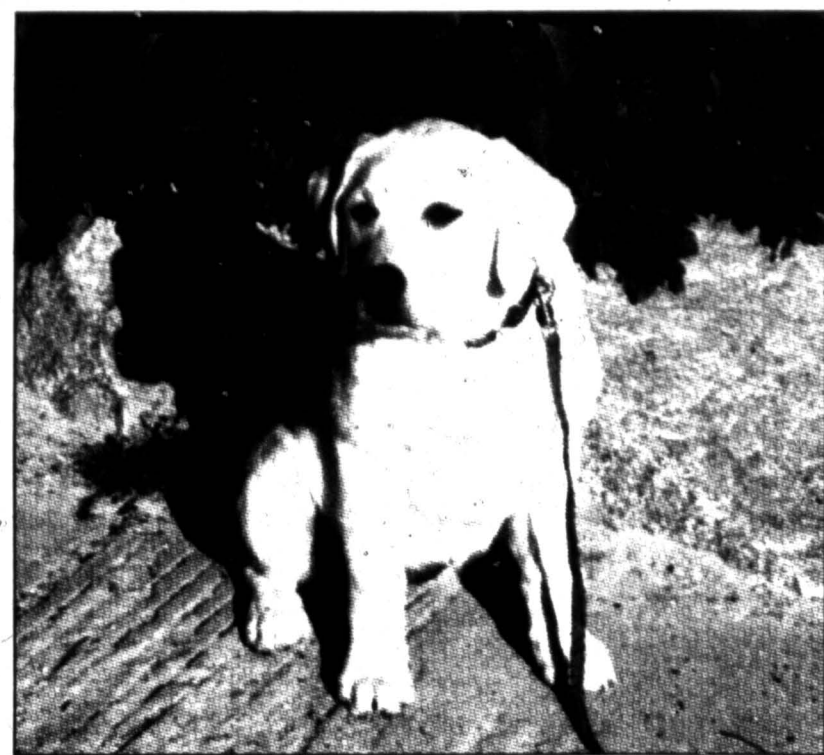
Always looking for something to do, Mae is busy, busy. Not content with selecting a stuffed toy from the top of the overflowing toy box, she roots down for one at the bottom. Her usual favorite is a pink lion, which she carries around by the tail.

Working off a great deal of her puppy energy at Carmel beach, Mae goes daily with her two sisters and hooks up with beach friends, yellow Lab Buckley, chocolate Lab Maddie

and black Lab Barkley, who is always on leash because of his penchant for kelp. Frequently Mae will grab his leash in her mouth and take Barkley for a walk.

Conked out by day's end, little Mae retires to her sleeping crate in Mom and Dad's room, curling up with her stuffed Snuggle Puppy which has been warmed in the microwave. Until recently, it had a mechanical heart beat pulsating reassuringly through the night.

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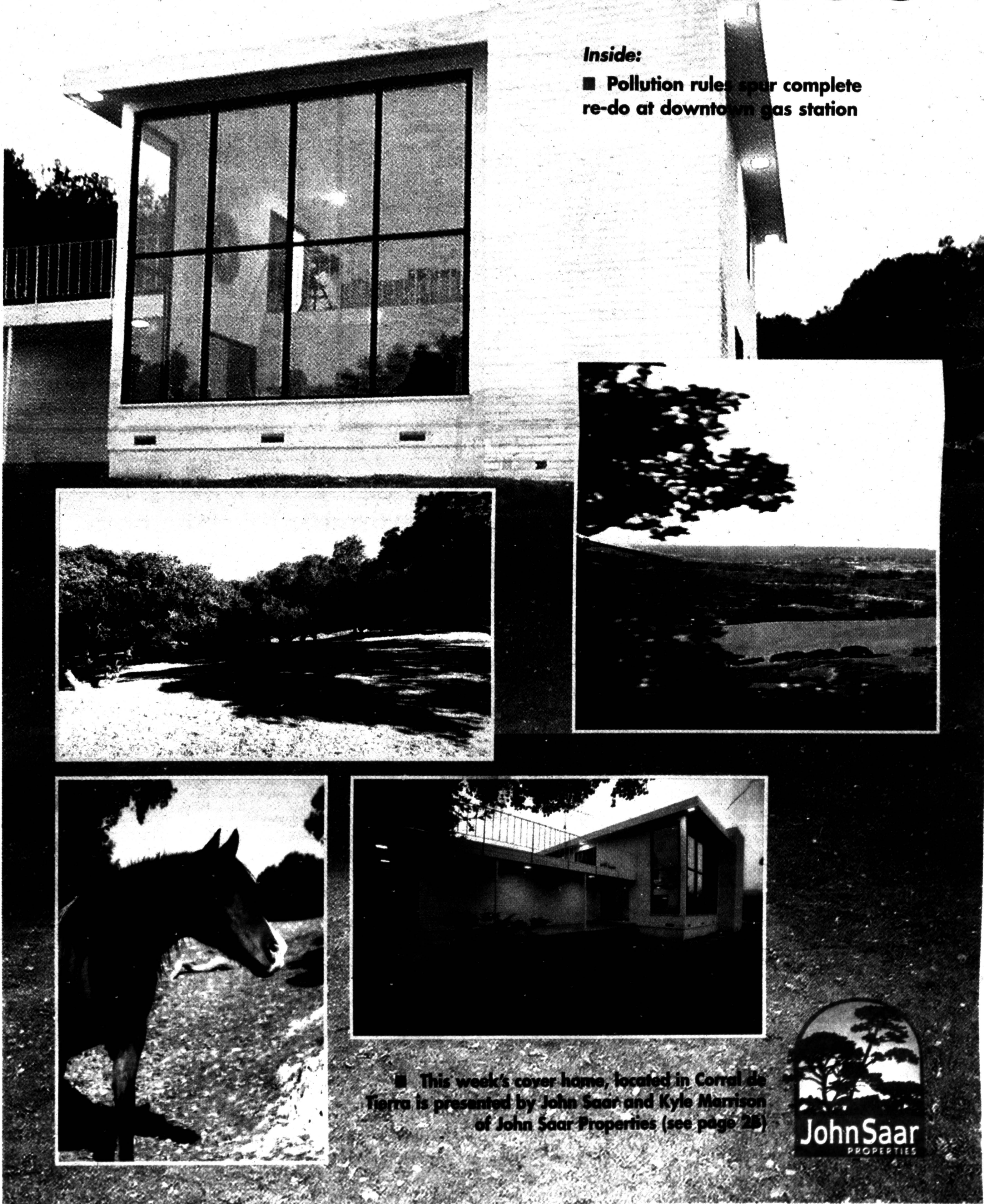
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■ Pollution rules spur complete re-do at downtown gas station



■ This week's cover home, located in Corral de Tierra is presented by John Saar and Kyle Morrison of John Saar Properties (see page 25)



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24312 SAN JUAN RD: \$800,000
Monica Kraus Clydesdale to Paul P Marin
LOPEZ AV & 2ND 8SW: \$1,900,000
Gail E Lehman-Siegfried to Stephen J & Julia Lee
5 SW OF 8TH & DOLORES: \$1,685,000
David L & Bonnie J Wolfe to Leonard C & Gaylene Altman
26416 CARMELO ST: \$2,212,500
David M Nee to George M & Jane E Paulse Paolini
MISSION & 4TH 4SE #6S: \$600,000
Ronald W Wagenhals to Graeme C & Robin S Andrew

CARMEL - SOUTH COAST

7 YANKEE POINT DR: \$1,100,000
Helen Ann Strzesieski to Stephen J & Deborah L Mo Poletti
38845 PALO COLORADO RD: \$505,000
B Marshall Harris to Anthony & Mary Boncutte

CARMEL VALLEY

8 LAGUNA ROBLES: \$520,000
Michelle Keenan Chittano to Stephen M Barrett
20463 CACHAGUA RD: \$575,000
Alan S Henderson to Christine Robin Pihl
175 EL CAMINITO RD: \$790,000
Patricia A & Patricia F M Hughes to Ben & Carole S Heinrich
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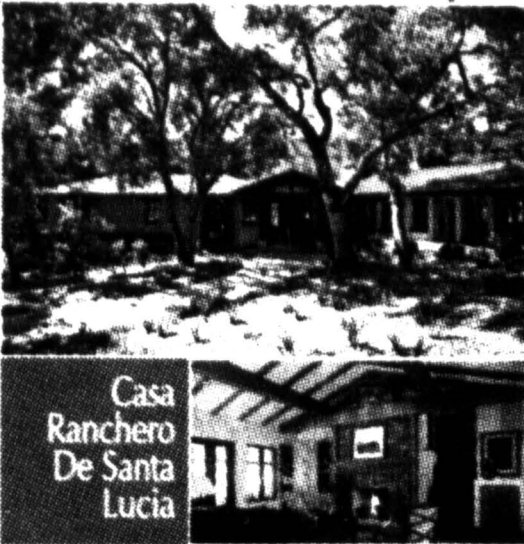


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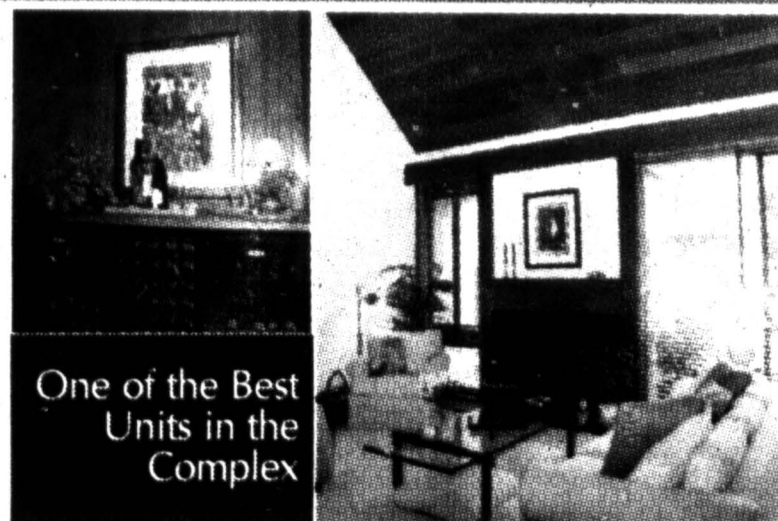
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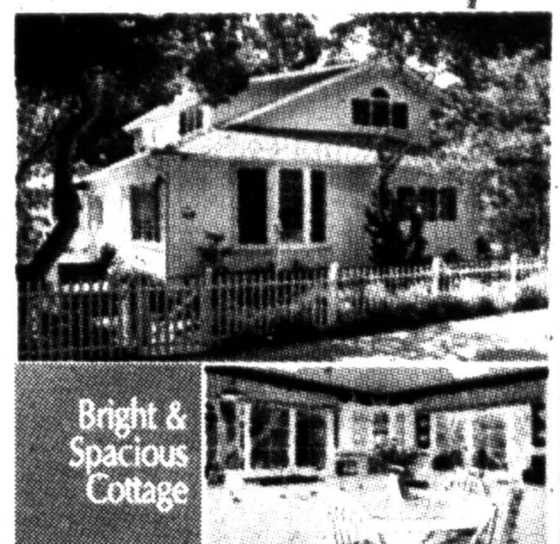
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Baths: 2
Sq. Ft.: 2,075
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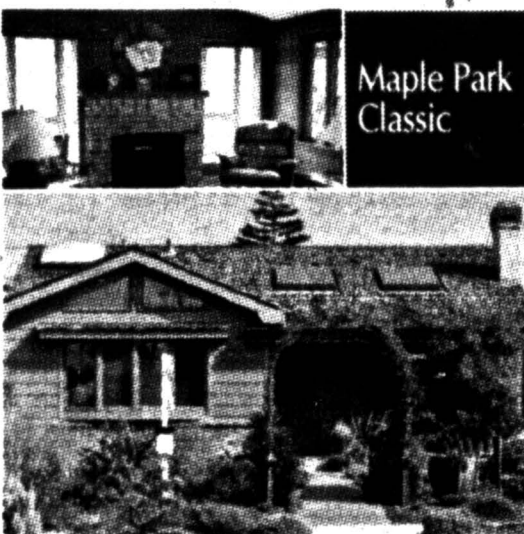
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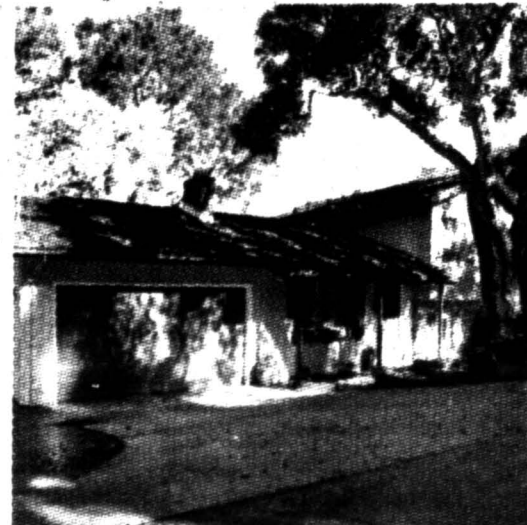


DEL REY OAKS

Bedrooms: 4
Baths: 2.5
Sq. Ft.: 1,800
Price: \$789,000

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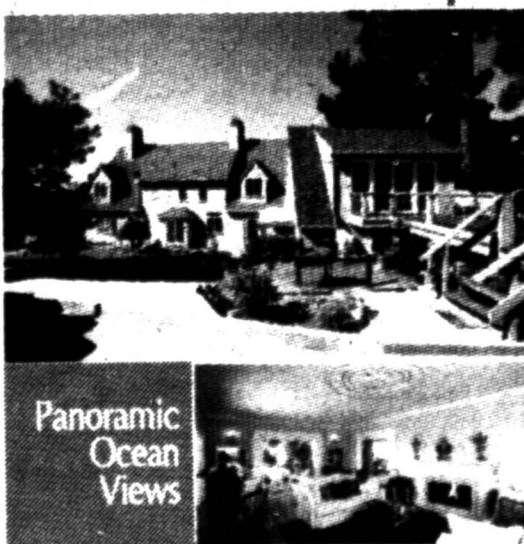


CARMEL HIGHLANDS

Bedrooms: 4
Baths: 4.5
Sq. Ft.: 4,800
Price: \$2,949,000

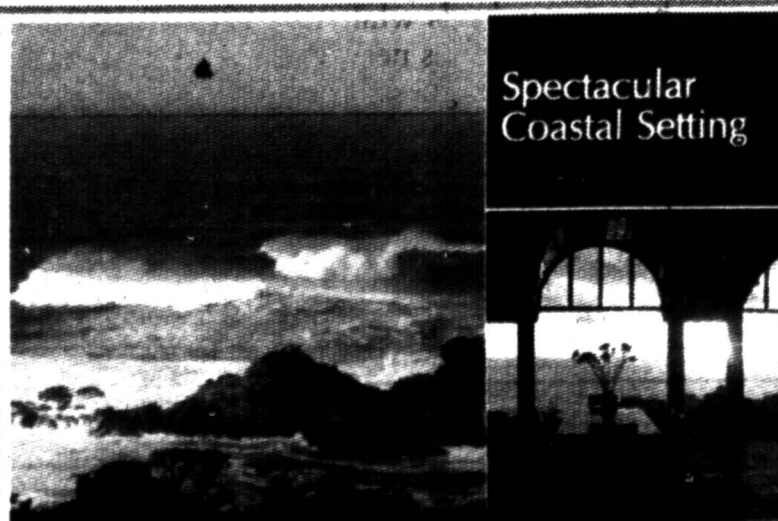
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By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE SHELL station at San Carlos and Fifth is closed for a "remodel," according to its building permit, but the work doesn't involve a single building on the corner lot.

"They decided to re-tank the place, because they had to do an upgrade to the filler necks" to meet new federal pollution control rules, explained Eric Nystrom, who runs the garage at the former Lugo's Shell while David Joines manages the gas station and convenience store.

Since the station had to be closed for the filler-neck replacement, property owner Peninsula Petroleum — racer Mario Andretti's company — decided to also replace the tanks, which were 11 years old.

New pumps will be installed and the islands rebuilt, according to city building official Tim Meroney, who issued the original building permit for the \$90,000 project in July 2003 and extended it two months ago.

The work got under way last week, with Balch Petroleum, Inc. of Milpitas undertaking the excavation and other heavy construction.

Nystrom, who subleases his service and repair bays and the adjacent parking from

Peninsula Petroleum, had to close his garage because of the construction. In the meantime, he's building equipment for a Ryan Ranch company and hopes the garage work will be finished within two months.

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2 HACIENDA CARMEL: \$445,000

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Called Hidden Valley Ranch, the 65-acre property is nestled amid the famed vineyards of Heller, Galante, and Bernardus. Walnut groves, ancient oaks, cypress and eucalyptus can be found within its boundaries, but so can more than 30 acres of open meadow,

ideal for grazing animals or for converting to pinot noir, zinfandel or chardonnay grapes. There's plenty of water — the property has three wells and a half mile of creek running through it — and its Cachagua location gives it a year-round, sunny climate guaranteed to put a bloom on the rose and a smile on the face of the lucky owner.

Behind a stone and wrought-iron gate, a tree-lined driveway leads to a newly refurbished, 3,000-square-foot home with exposed beam ceiling, two fireplaces, gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors, and a private balcony with views of gently rolling hills and the Santa Lucia mountains.

The property, priced at \$4.395 million, also contains an equestrian center complete

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To arrange a showing of Hidden Valley Ranch, call JR Rouse at (831) 277-3464 or Rob Profeta at (831) 601-5212.

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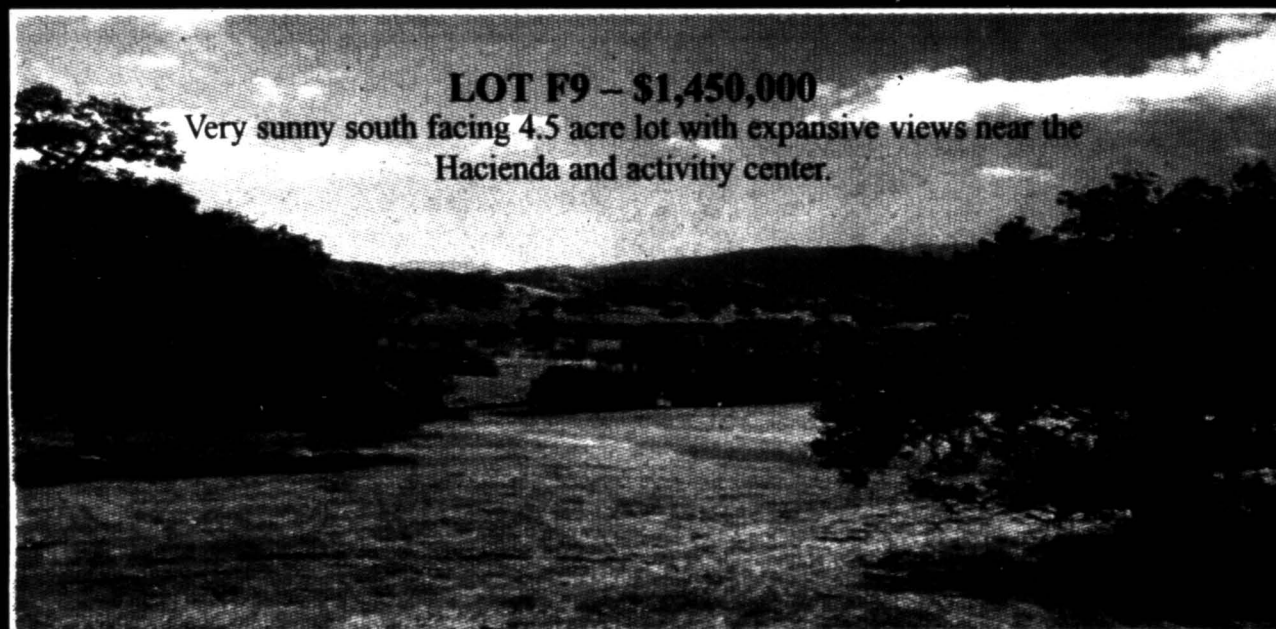


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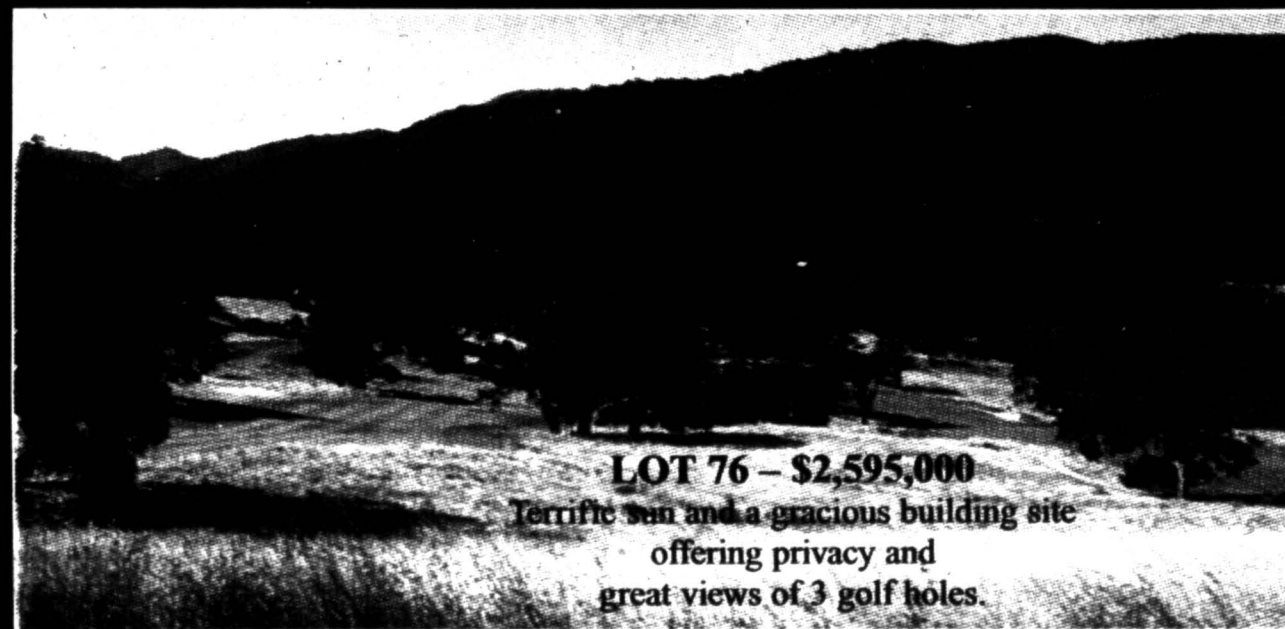
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POLICE LOG

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level restaurant and a store. The deli was open because a pest control company was going to spray. Contact made with the responsible for the clothing store and that door was not supposed to be open. She responded to secure the door. The operations manager for the Plaza was advised of the doors being open and to be properly secured.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 0637 hours, Engine 7111 was dispatched to a reported water leak at Monte Verde and Third. Upon arrival, found a residential water service/shutoff pulled out of the ground by a garbage truck. Leak of approximately 50 gallons per minute; unable to shut off. Water going directly into storm drain. Area barricaded and Cal-Am notified.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 responded to report of a man needing assistance into his residence on First Avenue. Found an 84-year-old male on his knees in his front walkway with a healthcare nurse. Assessed him and found no injuries. Assisted him into his bed. The nurse advised that she would have a wheelchair brought to the house to help with the situation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 responded to report of a male lying in the street at Monte Verde and 11th. Engine canceled by FireComm per Carmel P.D.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 responded to report of assistance for a residential lockout. Located at Carmelo and 11th. Entry gained through a second-story window.

Big Sur: Female, age 56, reported having a verbal altercation

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CARMEL

Beautifully remodeled, this 3 bedroom, 2 bath single level home is located close to town and nearby shops and restaurants. Features include remodeled kitchen and baths, hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, skylights, French doors and exterior brick pathways and patios. Let this charming Carmel cottage capture your heart!

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MONTEREY

Remodeled for comfort and beauty, this spacious 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home is approx. 3,600 sq. ft. and offers filtered bay and city light views. An open floor plan, French doors, formal living room, family room off the kitchen and a deck all make this a wonderful home in a great area.

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CARMEL

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with a male subject regarding payment for construction work at a Partington Ridge Road property.

Carmel Valley: Female reported finding a new child's bike at the community park on Ford Road in Carmel Valley.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A vehicle was parked on Scenic Road when a large section of a cypress limb broke away from the tree and hit the ground. The vehicle sustained only scratches to its hood area.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Illegal lodging in the Court of the Fountains. The subject was still in an area for commercial use only. The building official was aware of the situation and would be contacting the property owner again tomorrow. Area is the basement space in the courtyard at Mission and Seventh.

Carmel Valley: Male Nason Road resident, age 50, reported a theft and unauthorized use of his personal checks. A caretaker/friend was the responsible party, and she admitted using the checks. Case continues.

Carmel area: Male North Mesa Drive resident reported unauthorized access into his computer networking system. Unknown subject has established his system as host.

Carmel Valley: A male 80-year-old Carmel Valley Road resident reported hearing a gunshot in the area at 0728 hours.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of an alarm activation in the garage at a Carmelo Street residence. Upon arrival, located the south patio door open. The door had not been locked. There was no evidence of forced entry; however, officers searched the home. No suspicious activity was noted. The door to the garage was discovered locked during the search. Secured the door upon leaving. No responsible would be arriving to check the home.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to report of a medical emergency on Dolores. Both units at scene found two patients who had fallen on the sidewalk and both were injured. One male had multiple lacerations to the face, and the female patient had a head injury and memory loss. Firefighters assisted ambulance with the assessment and care of both patients. An additional ambulance, 7668, was dispatched to the scene and transported the male patient to CHOMP. The female patient was transported to CHOMP by the first ambulance.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 responded to report of wires down in the area of Torres and Second. Building official was at the scene and he had found downed telephone wire and had also secured it by the side of the road out

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of danger. SBC contacted by CPD.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 responded to report of a medical emergency on Ocean Avenue. Found a 53-year-old male with severe difficulty breathing and unconscious. Firefighters assisted the medics with the assessment and ALS care of the patient. The patient was loaded for transport to CHOMP.

Pebble Beach: A 43-year-old female Valdez Road resident reported unauthorized entry into her house.

Carmel area: Male juvenile, age 16, was contacted at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital after he reported a subject punched him while he was at Carmel High School on 12-14.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspicious activity concerning a hotel desk was reported. The guest asked one of the Junipero Street hotel employees for a date, which she turned down. Since that time, they have seen this person sev-

eral times in the area after checking out of the hotel. They are concerned this person may be watching for the hotel employee. Advised to call the department if they saw this subject again.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of indecent exposure on Junipero Street. Subject exposed himself to an employee.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female suspect, age 35, was detained by employees at a store at Ocean Avenue and San Carlos for stealing purses and then running away from them. Once in the female officer's custody, the suspect kicked her in the leg, spit on her and threatened to kill her. The suspect admitted to stealing the items. She had to be physically restrained. She pulled away when the officer tried to put her in the car.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject reported the loss of an aluminum adjustable cane somewhere in the business area.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman reported her


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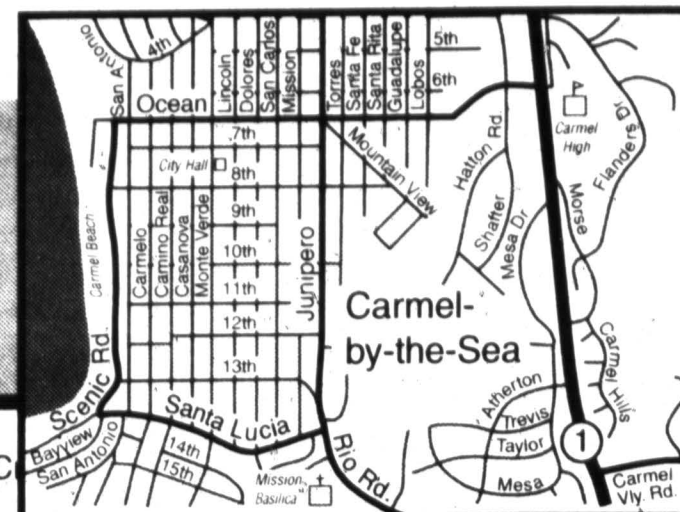
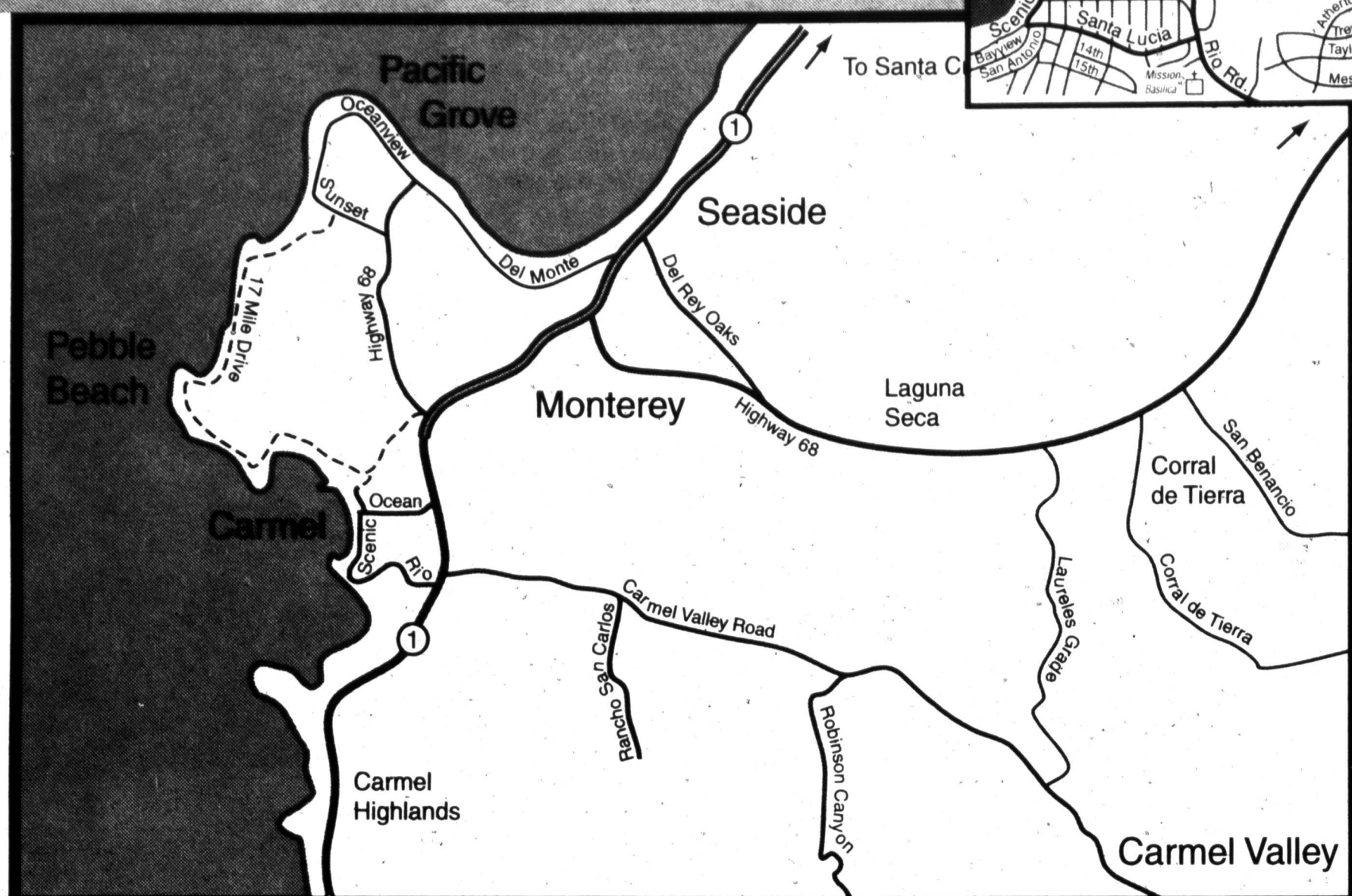
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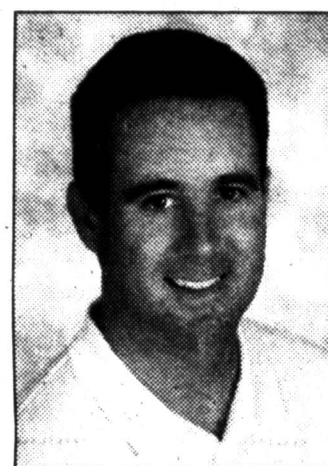


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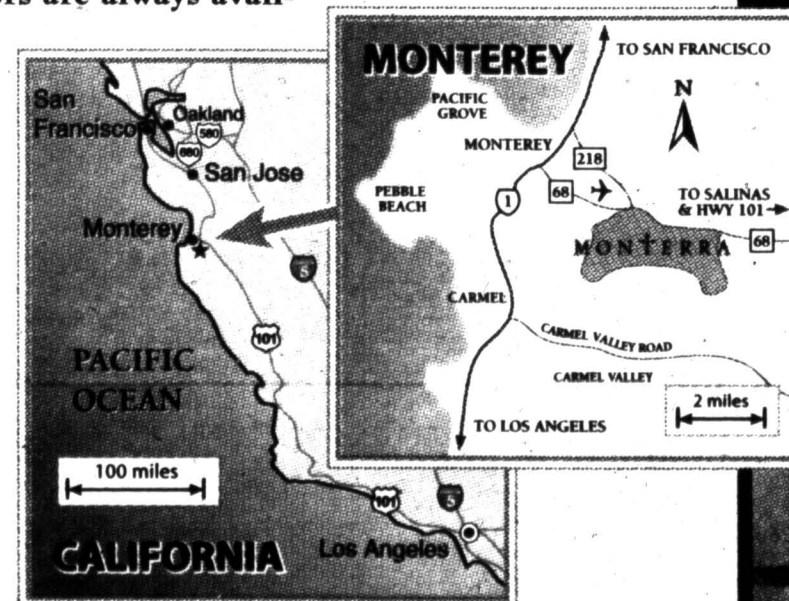
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POLICE LOG

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friend overdue to a restaurant on Casanova. The friend was located at home. They had a miscommunication about restaurants.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 1523 hours, Engine 7111 and Battalion Chief 7104 were dispatched to an alarm sounding at Carmel Plaza. Upon arrival, found the alarm showing a water flow at a store. Sprinkler company on scene installing new heads and filling the system. They would reset when finished.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 1758 hours, Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 were dispatched to a medical emergency at Lobos and First. Upon arrival at 1803 hours, found a 91-year-old male complaining of back pain secondary to a fall last week. Patient evaluated, loaded and transported to CHOMP.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At 1846 hours, Engine 7111 and Ambulance 7166 were dispatched to a medical emergency at a restaurant at Monte Verde and Ocean. Upon arrival, found a 98-year-old female complaining of near fainting. Patient evaluated by ambulance crew but refused treatment or transport and signed a medical release form.

Carmel area: Male Ribera Road resident, age 86, was taken to Community Hospital on a 72-hour hold under Welfare & Institutions Code Section 5150.

Carmel Valley: A 47-year-old female Rancho Flesta resident was taken to CHOMP for a 72-hour evaluation under 5150 W&I.

Carmel area: Male victim, age 51, called to report someone smashed the window to his Suburban while it was parked in front of his home on Trevis Way. No signs of burglary. No suspects or witnesses.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Carmel-by-the-Sea: San Carlos Street resident reported his vehicle was keyed while it was parked on the street in front of

his house. He thinks he knows who is responsible but was unable to prove it at this time. He requested the incident be documented.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female Ocean Avenue resident reported her credit card was missing. When she called the credit card company, she learned her card had been used without her permission by a 17-year-old juvenile suspect.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Female wanted to report that a former employee was causing disruptions by frequenting her business. The ex-employee was notified that she was not welcome and agreed to stay away.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Battalion Chief 7105 responded to a report by a neighbor of a smell of natural gas in the area of Pine Ridge and Forest. Searched the perimeter of the residence with the "Sniffer" gas detector and found no trace of source of a gas leak. Then learned that the occupant/owner was at home. Searched the interior of the residence and found a small gas leak from the oven. Turned off the supply to the stove and advised the owner to call an appliance repair for assessment.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 and Battalion Chief 7105 responded to report of a fire alarm activation in Hazeltine Court at Lincoln and Fifth. Found a resident in unit who had burned some toast in her kitchen. Silenced the alarm and cleared the room of smoke with natural ventilation.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Engine 7111 responded to report of a beeping sound in the residence at Monte Verde and Ninth. At scene, found a faulty fan in a gas insert fireplace. Unplugged the fan motor and advised the owner to contact a service technician for repair.

Carmel Valley: Juvenile, age 16, came to Carmel Valley High School under the influence of marijuana. He admitted to smoking marijuana on his way to school with a friend.

Carmel Valley: An anonymous person reported a male suspect, age 22, was yelling and breaking objects around his mother's home on Schulte Road.

Carmel area: Female store clerk, age 19, in The Barnyard reported receiving a counterfeit \$10 bill.

Carmel area: Female Rio Road resident, age 88, reported the theft of an unfinished oil painting valued at \$900 from her residence.

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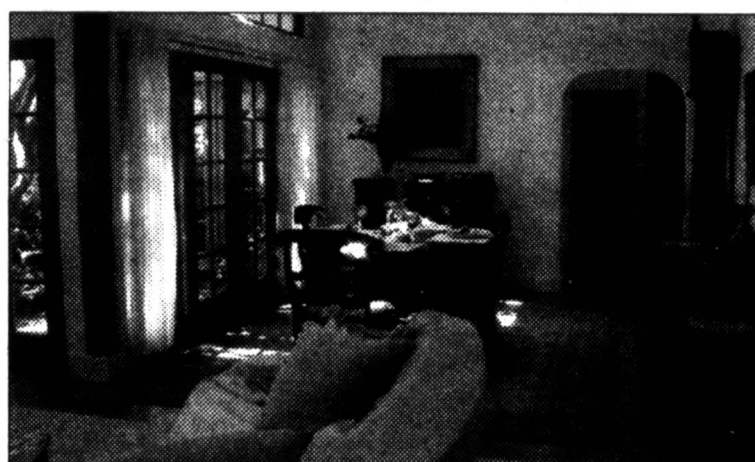
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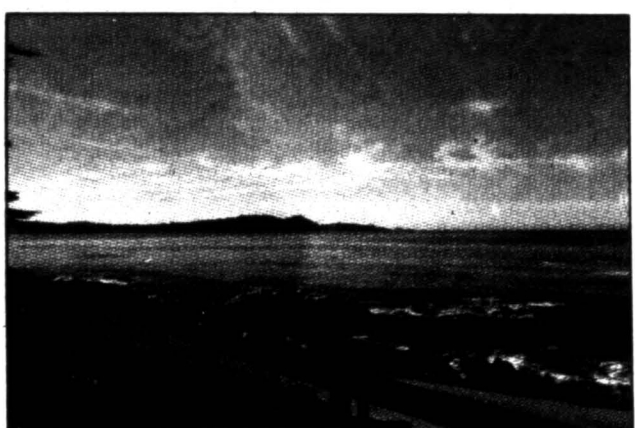
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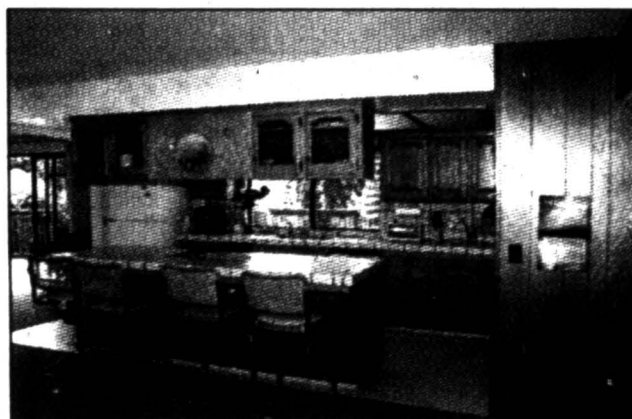
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